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Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	FRIDAY 1894. 5 P.M.
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B.L. PENINSULAR	5045	1200	A. C. Loggin	15th ,,
† ASSAM	3060	500	T. Leigh	22nd ,,
B.L. GANGES	4256	800	G W Atkinson	29th ,,
† SIAM	3950	500	H. Weighell	6th July.
B.L. SUTLEJ	4395	800	W. D. Worcester.	13th ,,
† ASSAM	3060	500	T. Leigh	20th ,,
B.L. ORIENTAL	5045	1200	L. H. Monle	27th ,,
† SIAM	3950	500	H. T. Weighell	3rd Augt.
B.L. SHANNON	4189	800	E. Crewe	10th ,,
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B.* HYDASPES	2996	450	E. Gordon	24th ,,
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Consignees of the Cargo are, therefore, requested to present their BILLS OF LADING to the Undersigned, Sign an average BOND and PAY a DEPOSIT of 20 PER CENT. on the Invoice value of their respective goods, when the usual Delivery Order will be granted.

C. BARBORO,
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Badham Pile	5,000	100	100	10	103
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	Rs. 300	4,900
Do. New Issue.	500	375	375	Rs. 75	1,235
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	ex div	70
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	3 pr. ct.	630
Bombay Flour Mill	1,000	500	500	Rs. 75	1,310
Deccan Ice Co.	1,170	100	100	Nil	15
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	5 pr. ct.	250
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	1,500	200	200	Rs. 25	262½
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld.	2,800	250	250	7½ pr. ct.	300
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn.	5,000	100	10	10 pr. ct.	16
John Roberts & Co.	1 500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	130
Jehangir B Karani & Co, Ld	3,000	500	500	3 pr. ct.	85
Kamp & Co.	4,000	200	175	Rs. 23-12	310
Karachee Landing	600	500	300	30	165
Maharanee Ice Manufacturing Co.	3,500	100	100	Nil.	30
Marcks & Co., Ld.	1,000	100	100	Rs. 10	91xd
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Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	50	12 pr. c	170
Phillips & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	Rs. 7	86
Port Canning Co.	8,000	1,000	1,000	19	455
Prince of Wales Firein.	250	3,000	1,000	N dvd.	2,3'0
Soondy & Co.	1,000	100	100	9	50
Thacker & Co.	2,000	500	100	60	970
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100	100	5	40
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Auxar	200	1,250	1,250	75	1,300
Albert Ginning Co	100	500	all		45)
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	18 pr. ct. dvd Rs80	1,010
Apollo	750	2,400	2,200	90	260
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	11	210xd
Bhownugger City Press & Manfg Co, Ld	550	250	250	dvd 45	285
Bombay Cotton	1 000	125	125	dvd Rs.7	132½
Broach Cawnpor Press Co. Ld	600	200	200		107½
Broach City Press Co., Ld.	600	200	all	14	207½ 185
Colaba	500	1,880	1,880	20	302½
East India	350	1,000	1,000	75 dvd	1,170
English Press and Manfg.	400	250	—	Nil	105
Fort	515	2,500	2,50	Rs. 80	1,150
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Harvey and Sabapathy	450	500	500	30	450
Hingoll Press Co., Ld.	750	400	all	4	105
Khanasaheb	940	450	450	Nil	400
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Prince of Wales	100	500	500	Rs25 dv	437½
Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	75	20	48
Sassoon	300	500	500	20	59
Sind and Punjab Co.	400	1,000	00	180	1,80
Sind	400	2,000	750	35	240
Scrab Woollen Mills	1,200	25	250	Nil	10
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Volkart		1,00	1000	Rs. 0	1,050
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Alliance	1,500	1,000	all	Rs. 15	475
Anglo-Indian	1,345	100	100	Nil	44
Bellary S & W Co, Ld. (Bellary)	871	5 0	all	9 per ct.	80
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	62
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	500	500	500	20	295
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld.	900	1,000	1,000	—	120
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	150
Central India	1,000	500	500	Rs. 30	1,150
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	390
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	—	765
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	10 pr. ct	620
Colaba Land & Mill	4,000	700	700	50	1,400
Coorla Mills Co.	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	375xd
Coral Mills Co. Ld.	5,000	100	100	5	440
David Mill	1,400	500	500	Rs. 15	325
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	50	375
Empress	2,100	500	500	10 pr. ct.	510
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	275
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Rs.30 dvd	167)
Hingunghat Mill	700	500	500	4	660
Howard and Bulloughs	1,800	500	500	9	520
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 1	1,155
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Rs. 50	270
Indian Manfg.	900	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,140
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	10 pr. ct.	345
Jaffer Alli	800	500	500	Nil	340
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,800	—	250		117½
Jowraz Baloo	1,000	1 00	900	35	815
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	3s. 20	595
Khandesh	750	1,500	1,000	30	575
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	400	250	250	Nil	72
Khatao Mackunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	560
Leopold	3,500	100	100	15per ct.	150
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Lukmidas Spinning & Weaving Co	1,000	1,00	1,000	40	787½
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Mahboob shah Mills (Gulburga)	1,400	500	500	15 pr. ct	1,535
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,500
Mazagon	5,000	0	250	6	125
Morarji Goculdas	1,050	1,000	1 00	65	1,900
Maharaja Mysore S & M Co.	4,500	108	100		
Madura Mills.	7,779	100	100	Nil.	pa
National	500	2,000	1,000	Nil.	75
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,00	Rs. 20	395
Oriental	5,725	625	625	Nil	335
Presidency Mills Co (Ld.)	743	1,000	1,000	Rs. 40	1,220
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	470
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	—	775
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	25	1,400
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	—	1,300
Soonderdas	750	2,000	1,000	Rs. 30	320
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Rs. 15	150
Southern Maharatta	1,212	250	250	12½	327½
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,350	250	250	12½	155
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Swadeshi Mills	475	500	500	Rs. 15	460
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	900	1,000	1,00	50	55)
Vesalchunker Lukhmishunker C. Mill Co Ld.	900	50	900	15	500
Victoria Mills.	500	1,0	1,000	25	200
Western India.	1,200	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	660
Wadia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	—
Union Mills. Ld	900	1,000	1,000	—	500

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English Bar Gold	Rs.	29-6
China Leaf	"	29-4 Nominal.
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Do. Drascos	"	18-4
Bar Silver 17 Betterness	"	94-0
Do. 17½ do.	"	94-8
Carolus Dollars	"	205 Nominal.
Mexican do.	"	185
Franc pieces	"	310

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Music at the Yacht Club, 6 p.m.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Sabarmati entered, and the steamer Brahmni left the dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Bormida entered and the steamer Aston Hall left the dock on Friday. The steamer Panoras also left it on Saturday.

INFRINGEMENT OF HARBOUR RULES.—Before Mr. Sanders Slater, at the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, Mungal Shaikh Currim was charged with anchoring his boat in the fairway on the night of the 2nd instant without showing the regulation lights. The accused said that owing to the rains he had brought down the lights. He was fined Rs. 5.

CRUELTY TOWARDS ANIMALS.—An agent for the S. P. C. A. charged fifteen victoria and cart drivers on Staturday, before Mr. Sanders Slater, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, with causing animals in an unfit condition to work. The accused admitted the offence, and were convicted and fined from a rupee to two rupees each.

REMOVAL OF CORPSES FOR INTERMENT AT KERBELLA.—The dead body of a Mahomedan, named Haji Mahomed Curreem, who died about two years ago, was, on Friday last, removed from the Mogul cemetery by the permission of the Municipal Commissioner and the Commissioner of Police, and taken on board a steamer for conveyance to Kerbella, where it will be interred. —The corpse of a Nishabee, a Mahomedan woman, who died in 1892, was also removed in an air-tight coffin on the same day from the same cemetery to Mody Bay to be conveyed to Kerbella for interment.

CHEATING A DENTIST.—Before Mr. Sanders Slater, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, William Raidenhurst, a dentist, appeared, and applied for a warrant against Edmund Sheerlock charging him with criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 620. The accused who was employed at the Army and Navy Stores, was given the money by the applicant on the 29th ultimo when they were out driving at Byculla. When they arrived near the Crawford Market the accused jumped out of the carriage, and has not since been heard of.

MUSIC AT THE YACHT CLUB.—The Band of the Marine Battallion will play the following programme at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club this evening, at 6 p.m. :—

March	Duke Albert	Schneider.
Overture	The Exiles	Gassnex.
Dance	Old Tapestry	Boggetti.
Valse	Rhoda	Bucalossi.
Selection	Faust up to date	Meyer Lutz.
Polka	Le Cavalier	Fahrbach.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

ALLEGED THEFT BY A FEMALE SERVANT.—Chandra, a widow, residing at Ripon Road, has reported to the police, that about six months ago she engaged a female servant, Assama, on a salary of Rs. 4 per month. On Friday last the woman suddenly left the house without giving any notice to her mistress, who subsequently discovered that copper utensils, of the value of Rs. 15-12-0 were missing from the house. The police on an inquiry recovered some pots to the value of Rs. 9-8 from a Marwaree, residing at Safarabad, with whom they were pledged by the woman Assama, who is still at large.

BRANDED TO DEATH.—Dhondi, a Hindu girl, aged sixteen years, who was branded by means of a heated iron, by Suckoo, a woman of bad repute, in her house at Fanaswady, about two months ago, died yesterday afternoon, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital. The circumstances under which the girl was branded by Suckoo have already been reported on. The girl, after her admission into the hospital, grew worse, and died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the effects of the burns. Mr. P. Byrne, the deputy coroner, held an inquest in the evening, at the above hospital, when the body was identified, and the further enquiry adjourned.

A SUIT FOR MAINTENANCE.—Mrs. Mary Fido, wife of Mr. John Fido, Superintendent, Bombay Mint, appeared before Mr. J. Sanders Slater on Saturday, and applied for a summons against her husband for maintenance. In support of her application she said they were married in 1865 ; since then she was sorry to mention she lived very unhappily with her husband. She lived with him very patiently more for the sake of her children than anything else. As, however, the treatment from her husband became more cruel, she was compelled to leave him about a fortnight ago, and she was residing with her sister at Grant Road. He had refused to maintain her, and as he refused to nourish and food her, she had go to the hospital a fortnight ago. The Magistrate granted the application.

CARBINE MATCH AT COLABA.—The Bombay Volunteer Artillery and the Bombay Light Horse commenced their shooting season of Saturday afternoon at the Colaba Ranges. The match between the two corps was a friendly one, and a fairly large number of gentlemen turned up to compete it. The distance fired over was 200 and 500 yards, the number of shots at each distance being seven. The shooting commenced at half-past four o'clock and lasted till 6-30 p.m., when the result was declared in favour of the Bombay Horse, whose total score stood at 332, while that of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery at 225. The next match will come off on Saturday, the 16th instant, and as it will be competed by selected persons, it will be more interesting than the present one.

RATANSI MULJI CHARITABLE DISPENSARY, FORT.—During the month of May, 1894, the number of Hindu patients that were treated in this dispensary was 3,010, among them the number of new admissions was 754, classified as stated below :—

Castes.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Bhattias	45	6	32	83
Vanias	92	31	45	168
Brahmins	74	27	28	129
Lohanas	18	5	2	25
Other castes	217	36	96	349
Total	446	105	203	754

The average daily attendance was 97. The hon. secretary begs to acknowledge with thanks the following sums received in aid of the fund of this dispensary. Previously acknowledged Rs. 8,250.

DROWNED IN A TANK.—An inquest was held on Saturday last, by Mr. P. Byrne, the deputy coroner, at Sooparee Baug Road, Parel, on the body of Jumnabai, a Hindu woman, aged twenty-six years. The deceased was the wife of one Parbhoo Morar, a carpenter, residing at that locality. From the evidence, before the coroner, it appears that the deceased had been residing with her husband for the last ten years in perfect harmony. About 9 o'clock on Friday evening, she took her meals with her husband and went to sleep. On the following morning the husband, who had been sleeping that night outside the house on account of the sultry weather, went to the room where the deceased had been sleeping, and found her missing. He reported the matter to the police, who made enquiries and within an hour found the body of the deceased floating in a tank at the back of the house. There were no marks of violence on the body. It is believed that the deceased must have gone out of the room during the night for some purpose, and accidentally drowned in the tank. The jury returned an open verdict.

DEATHS FROM TETANUS.—Mr. P. Byrne, the deputy coroner, held an inquest on Saturday, at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of Namdeo Mahadoo, a coal labourer, aged twenty-five years, residing at Oomercarry. About 7 o'clock on the morning of the 20th ultimo, the deceased climbed up a fig tree at the back of his house, and as he was descending his foot slipped, and he fell down from a height of about ten feet, sustaining a compound fracture of both the bones of the left forearm. He was taken to the J. J. Hospital, where the injured arm was dressed, and he was allowed to go home. On the 29th ultimo symptoms of tetanus supervened and Namdeo was seized with spasms. He was again conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where after admission, the spasms increased in severity, and although the injured limb was amputated in order to check its progress he never rallied and died at half-past 7 o'clock, on Saturday morning. A verdict of death from tetanus was recorded.—Another inquest was held at the J. J. Hospital, on Saturday last, on view of the body of Essoo, a Hindoo woman, aged fifty years. About twenty days ago, the deceased was sitting on the road at Doongree, selling vegetables, when a runaway cow trod on her right foot, causing a contused wound on the middle toe. She applied some household remedies on the injured foot, but the effect of the injury was unperceived until the 31st ultimo, when her jaws were locked up and she could not swallow any food. Essoo was then taken to the J. J. Hospital, where she died on Saturday morning. A verdict of death from tetanus was recorded.

THE LATE MR. VINAYEK PANDURANG.—A local correspondent informs us of the death of Mr. Vinayek Pandurung, which took place on Saturday last. He was one of the leaders of the Saraswat community of Bombay, and as such was consulted on all matters of the caste both by the old and the young. Mr. Vinayek was from his boyhood of an independent turn of mind, and although he accepted the appointment of the G. I. P. Railway book-keeper which was offered to him, being the best accountant of the day, still he soon left it, and took to commerce. His business capabilities being of a rare order he easily flourished therein. His calculations, however, proved unsuccessful at the Share Mania time, and with the crash the old Bombay received his firm failed. He tried and tried hard to rise again, but Providence had decreed it otherwise. Mr. Vinayek was what is called in the party-language of the present day an orthodox, and never swerved from his faith till his death, still he held liberal views and during his affluent circumstances had amalgamated the two great sections of the Saraswat community at a great personal sacrifice which I am sure would never have been done with all the boastings of our so-called reformers. Mr. Vinayek was latterly leading a retired life, and the recent family bereavements of which he has had many, affected his health considerably. He died in the seventy-six year of his age, leaving behind him three sons, two daughters, and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. His funeral was largely attended.

SUICIDES.—Mr. P. Byrne, deputy coroner, held an inquest yesterday afternoon, at the J. J. Hospital, touching the death of Custoorbai, the wife of one Bhagwandas Jadowchand, residing near the Victoria Gardens. The deceased who was only eighteen years of age had been married about three years ago. For the last six years Custoorbai had been suffering from colic and the pain used to continue for a day or two successively. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning the deceased became unconscious, and was at once conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where she died ten minutes after admission. The House Surgeon of the J. J. Hospital was of opinion that the death was due to opium-poisoning and a verdict of suicide by opium was recorded.—Another inquest was held yesterday afternoon, at the J. J. Hospital, on the body of Sukoo, a Hindoo woman, aged eighteen years, the wife of Bheeva Dhondoo, a labourer, residing at Mazagon. At 6 o'clock, on Saturday evening, the deceased complained to her husband that her brother-in-law came to her and demanded money from her, and when she refused to comply with his demand he abused her and left the house. The husband at once went to his brother who lived in an adjoining chawl and demanded an explanation. The brother denied having abused the woman, and alleged that she had abused him. Believing this to be true, the husband scolded his wife for using bad language towards his brother. Deceased took this to heart, became sullen, and refused to take her meals. At 9 p.m., she was found unconscious breathing very heavily, when she was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where it was discovered that she had been suffering from opium-poisoning. She was treated at the hospital, but she did not rally, and died at 3-30 p.m, yesterday. A verdict a suicide with opium-poisoning was recorded.

CONVICTION OF BOGUS OPIUM-CLUB MANAGERS.

BEFORE Mr. Sanders Slater, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, Mr. Rustam Pestonji Jehangier, Assistant Collector of Customs, placed Shaikh Lal, on the charge of having in his possession more than two tolas of opium, Sayad Ahmed on a charge of selling the drug without a license, and Sayad Ghose and five others on the charge of abetting and aiding the second accused.

The first accused styled himself as the manager of a bogus opium club, kept by him at Peeroo Havaldar Lane, Jail Road, and the second accused kept a similar club at Bhendy Bazaar. At half-past nine o'clock, on Friday night, R. S. Jaikar, an opium inspector, accompanied by two police officers, Inspectors George and Mynn, entered the club-room at Jail Road. Several persons were there found sitting smoking opium, who on seeing the officers effected their escape from a rear door. The police arrested Shaik Lal and searched the room where they found several pipes and dishes containing more than two tolas of opium. From thence the officers went to the second accused's club at Bhendy Bazaar. A Mahomedan was sent there with a marked coin to purchase the preparation of opium. On the sale being effected by the accused, Sayad Ahmed, a signal was given and the police and the customs officers came out from their place of concealment, and arrested Sayad Ahmed and five other persons who were sitting there.

Mr. Rustam, in relating the facts of the case to the Court, remarked that the third accused Sayad Ghose, had been called as a witness for the defence in Mr. Prautch's case, and as he had been found there. He (Mr. Rustam) thought it desirable to take instruction from Mr. Campbell, Collector of Customs, before charging him. Sayad Ghose was charged in consequence of Mr. Campbell having stated the man was found in the room and he must therefore take his chance with the other accused.

The case against Shaikh Lal who had previously been convicted of a similar offence was first proceeded with. At the conclusion of the case for the prosecution the accused denied having in his possession more than two tolas of opium, though he admitted the pipes and dishes were found in his possession. He said that the mixture found by the police was prepared by dissolving earth and refuse in water.

At the conclusion of the case his Worship convicted the accused and fined him Rs. 30. The property found in his possession was ordered to be confiscated.

The second case was next proceeded with, and Mr. Velinker, pleader, who represented Sayad Ghose, submitted that his client was not smoking at the time he was arrested, but was only drinking tea. The informant in the case stated that he was an opium-smoker and used to drink tea after he had smoked opium to remove the peculiar taste left by the effects of opium-smoking. Sayad Ahmed admitted having sold the drug illegally, but the rest of the accused denied having aided or abetted him in the commission of the offence. They were there to consult a doctor who was well-versed in the cure of mumps, and some were there to purchase eggs, &c. One of the accused said that there were four regular members of the club, who paid a monthly subscription of one rupee. The other accused were pushed into the club by the officers, and then arrested. Opium was duly sold to four members by Sayad Ahmed who managed the club for a Parsee who was the actual owner.

Mr. Velinker, for the third accused, submitted that there being no evidence as to his client's smoking opium in the room, he must be discharged.

Mr. Rustam replied that Sayad Ghose knew that no one was allowed to sell opium without a license, and that by witnessing the sale he had abetted the offence.

Upon the evidence before the Court his Worship convicted Sayad Ahmed and fined him Rs. 30 ; while discharging the other accused Mr. Slater said that he was not satisfied that they had abetted an illegal sale, as they could not be held responsible for every act of the manager of the club. He, however, thought Mr. Rustam was perfectly right in arresting the persons he had found in the club, and believed that in doing so the officer in question was not actuated by any vindictive feeling.

THE *Pioneer* writes:—A Bombay paper seems to have been alarmed at the prospect of replacing the detachment of British infantry at Gnatong by fifty military police, and applauds the Government for having decided to make no change until next cold weather. The line taken is that it would be risky to withdraw the troops, as the Tibetans might be inclined to give trouble again. There need really be no apprehension on that score, and the detachment would have vacated the post last April had the Bengal Government been prepared to take it over. But to provide a garrison of fifty military police means an increase of a hundred men to the Bengal force, for the sepoys would have to be relieved every year, if not every six months, and Gurkhas would probably have to be specially enlisted for this particular service. As to the temper of the Tibetans the Lamas are not likely to attempt again to wage war against the Indian Government, the defeat of their "army" by General Graham, a few years ago, having been so complete. Captain Bower in his book "Across Tibet" speaks of men whom he met that had fought in Silkim. They had retained a very lively recollection of the effect of breech-loading fire, and would apparently not face it again. China, also, has brought pressure to bear upon the Lamas. The fact that two missionaries, who entered Tibet through Bhutan quite lately, were merely escorted back over the Jalap Pass, shows that the Tibetans have no idea of fresh hostilites. There is a telegraph line to Gnatong, and warning could always be given if danger threatened the post when garrisoned only by police. Arrangements are now being made to quarter a wing of a British Infantry regiment at Darjeeling, and when this step has been taken, reinforcements will always be available for despatch to the Sikkim-Tibet border.

A NUMBER of undergraduates at Christ Church, Oxford, who are members of the Bullington Club, have been sent down for taking part in the breaking of nearly five hundred panes of glass in that part of the college known as Peckwater Quad.

THE INDIAN CAVALRY DINNER.

THE annual dinner of the Officers of the Native Cavalry took place in the Town Hall, Simla, on Friday evening, the 25th May. His Excellency Sir George White, Commander-in-Chief in India, the Hon'ble General Brackenbury, Military Member of Council, and Major General Grant, Inspector-General of Cavalry, were the only guests. The following officers attended:—

Colonel A. R. D. Mackenzie, C. B., Bengal Cavalry.
Colonel R. M. Jennings, C. B., Deputy Adjutant-General.
Colonal Maitland, Secretary, Military Department.
1st Bengal Cavalry—Lieutenant Grove.
2nd Bengal Lancers—Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Burton and Captain J. G. Turner.
3rd Bengal Cavalry—Captain Carr, Lieutenant Chisholm, and Surgeon-Major Cunningham.
6th Bengal Cavalry—Captain Grimston, Lieutenant Battye, and Lieutenant Petit-Barnes.
7th Bengal Cavalry—Lieutenant Colonel Chalmers and Captain Persons.
8th Bengal Cavalry—Major Meade and Captain Vanrenen.
9th Bengal Cavalry—Captain Angelo.
10th Bengal Lancers—Captain Cardew, Captain Fagan, Captain Fasken, and Surgeon-Major Beatson.
11th Bengal Lancers—Major Drummond.
12th Bengal Cavalry—Captain Goad, Captain Rawlins Captain Baynes, and Lieutenant Gough.
14th Bengal Lancers—Captain Younghusband.
15th Bengal Lancers—Captain Tate.
17 Bengal Cavalry—Major Muir, Captain Mardall and Captain Bower.
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19th Bengal Lancers—Captain Rivett-Carnac and Surgeon-Captain Ker.
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1st Punjab Cavalry—Lieutenant Graham Hanmer.
5th Punjab Cavalry—Captain T. Edwards and Lieutenant Palmer.
Hyderabad Contingent—Captain McSwiney and Captain Bentinck.

It will be seen from the list how large a proportion of the Indian cavalry regiments were represented. The Knights of the Black Heart had been good enough to allow the decorations of their very successful ball of the 23rd instant to remain on the walls of the banquet hall, which were further appropriately embellished with old arms and other military trophies, kindly lent by Messrs. Tellery and Co. To the strains of the "Roast Beef of Old England," played by the fine band of the Somersetshire Light Infantry, the company sat down to an excellent dinner, served by Signor F. Peliti in his best style. The Pommery Greno and Chateau Margux were unexceptionable, and were also supplied from the cellars of the Grand Hotel. After the toast of H. M. the Queen-Empress had been duly honoured, the Chairman (Colonel Mackenzie) rose and said :—

Your Excellency and Brother Officers,—Let us, first of all, with befitting reverence, drink to the memory of the brave men of all ranks of the Native Cavalry of the Indian Army who have at various times, in India itself, and beyond its borders, died on the field of honour. The role of these heroes is a long and a glorious one. May their memory never perish ; and may their example always continue to inspire their successors with equal courage and equal devotion to duty.

This toast was honoured in reverential silence. After a short interval, the Chairman proposed the health of H. E. the Commander-in-Chief. He said :—

General Brackenbury, General Grant, and Brother Officers,—I have now the pleasure and the honour to propose a toast, which, in spite of my inability to do it justice, you are sure to receive with enthusiasm. It would not be becoming in me as your spokesman to express bluntly and freely the feelings of respect and admiration which we all share for our distinguished guest and Commander-in Chief. (Applause.) Nor would it be fair to embarrass him by saying in his presence a tithe of what we all say of him among ourselves. His brilliant career is familiar to us all, and there is no officer at this table, nor in the army, whom it does not inspire with pride in his profession and encouragement to do his duty to the utmost. Though it is not given to all to command success, still all may and should deserve it ; and every young officer should remember and brace himself with the thought that he has quite as good a chance of rising to the head of the armies of India as had George Stewart White when he first buckled on his sword as an Ensign in the 27th Inniskillings. (Applause.) Step by step has he climbed the ladder of promotion, always devoted to duty, and always proving, when opportunities came, that he possessed, in intimate and well-balanced union, the qualities of hot valour, cool judgment, and straightforward loyalty which mark the leader whom soldiers instinctively trust and are proud to follow. (Applause.) In the name of all ranks of the native cavalry of the Indian Army, I can assure his Excellency, with full confidence, that if ever the necessity should arise for him to call on them to prove on the field their devotion to their Empress-Queen, they will not fail to try to do their duty. Gentlemen, I call upon you to drink the health of his Excellency Sir George White.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The band, in compliment to Sir George White's long and brilliant connection with the Gordon Highlanders, struck up "Hieland Laddie" Spontaneously, the whole body of officers rose and drank the health of his Excellency with Highland honours, giving him such vigorous and repeated rounds of cheering, as must have convinced him, not only of his personal popularity with his hosts, but also of the strength and soundness of their lungs. His Excellency then replied as follows :—

Colonel Mackenzie and Officers of the Indian Native Cavalry,—I wish I could feel more confidence in my power of conveying to you how much I feel the all too flattering way in which you, Sir, have proposed my health this evening, and the cordial reception it has met with from the gallant gentlemen sitting around me. In return, let me congratulate you, Sir, and then, upon the full attendance at this banquet to-night, an attendance, too, which is widely representative of the Indian Cavalry as a whole, and which adds another proof to the many existing ones of the *esprit de corps* and interest in their branch which has always been so leading a characteristic of the officers of the Native Cavalry. I need scarcely say that it has been a great pleasure to me to be your guest here to-night. Without one thought or suggestion of dis paragement of the other branches of our great and efficient Indian Army, I think I may say with strict accuracy that the branch so well represented here to-night has attracted most attention, and been the object of most discussion both at home and abroad. Recent years have brought us many visitors and critics, not from our Home Army alone, but from every great military Power in Europe, and I believe that our Native Cavalry, chiefly by its inherent excellence, aided, perhaps, by the attractive surroundings of cavalry, has left the despest impression on the minds and memories of those who have had the advantage of seeing our native forces. Your service is one which holds out unusual fascination to the ambition and enthusiasm of youth. You are thus enabled to attract young officers of the highest promise to your standards. As the youth is father to the man, it follows that you have so many officers of mark and of riper years who have passed through your ranks, or are still borne on your rolls. Nor is this distinction confined to the British officers alone. Although I speak as an Infantry officer, yet I have had opportunities of observing the work done by our cavalry on service in different parts of this vast Empire, and I can sincerely say that throughout my military career, nothing has won greater admiration from me than the highbred and chivalrous demeanour of the gentlemen who form your native officer class. Your non-commissioned officers and sowars, too, are, or ought to be, volunteers from the best families of races throughout India, who have hitherto looked upon any profession other than that of arms as unworthy of them. Such elements, gentlemen, give you wonderful material to work on ; and I am paying you no false compliment when I say that the masterwork you have added has been worthy of the material, and of the country which sent you forth, and which can boast, not only the finest horsemen in the world, but also the men of most earnest purpose and determination to succeed in whatever line of life they adopt. In the tours of inspection I have made during the past cold weather I have been much pleased to see that the recent improvment in the pay of your native ranks has had the best effect, and that your rolls are, not only full and your men contented and happy, but that there are, in addition, a goodly number of *umedwars* ready and clamouring to be selected to fill early vacancies. While, however, thus enumerating and dwelling upon the great advantages of your service, I am not unmindful of the trials and difficulties which the officers have to overcome in maintaining their regiments up to the prescribed standard of efficiency. I know the great difficulty that commanding officers of Silladar Cavalry now have in keeping up their establishment of horses to the requirements of to-day and at a time when the rupee, even as regards its purchasing power in India, is getting small by degrees and unbeautifully less. I am aware also of the additional anxiety thrown upon you by having the State as a competitor in the market for country-breds—a market which you have hitherto looked upon as all your own. I hope, however, that this difficulty may be but temporary, and that the higher prices given by the State for young stock may increase horse-breeding operations, and eventually result in there being a supply of country-breds large enough and good enough for both. I have further heard of an additional complication in the form of a monopoly of the horses for sale in this and the adjoining provinces ; in fact, a corner in horses, which too often results in three-cornered remounts finding their way into the lines of our Native Cavalry. Notwithstanding all these difficulties, however, I have confidence that the ability and zeal of the officers will enable them, not only to keep up the high reputation of the service, but to continue its development and improvement. How rapid that improvement has been in the past may be gathered from the fact that during my lifetime—and I am not yet three score years old—the men of our oldest Bengal Cavalry regiment turned out in complete suits of armour. Even in their lighter marching order they wore helmets of polished metal, with a curtanin of chain armour and gauntlets and greaves of steel. 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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 2.

CONSOLS were quoted in London yesterday at 101 1/8 *ex div.*, and Indian Sterling Loan at 108¾. Four per cent. Rupee Securities were 1-16 per cent. higher, at £55 1/8. The price of Bar Silver advanced 1-16d., to 28 5-16d. per oz.; but in New York, the metal was a cent cheaper, at 61½ cents per oz., with demand Exchange on London unaltered. The market rates of discount in London were reduced by ¼ on short Bills, and ¼ on six months' sight Indian Bank Paper, say, to 7/8 and 1 1/8 per cent., respectively. The Indian Council sold 2 lakhs of extra Bills on Bombay, at 1s. 1 1-16d., which equals the extreme price obtained for the extra allotments of Wire Transfers made on Wednesday. The Exchange Banks' buying rate on London remained a 1s. 0¾d The weekly shipments of Specie to India consisted of £90,000 in Silver to this port. French Rentes in Paris were unchanged at 100¾; Paris Exchange on London was a shade higher, at fcs. 25·18¾.

To-day, Rupee Paper has further advanced 5-16 per cent. in London, at £55 7-16; but other Stock Exchange quotations come unaltered. Silver is 1-16d. higher, at 28 3/8d. per oz.; and in New York the metal is ¼ cent dearer, at 62 cents per oz., with Exchange in London as before. £450,000 more Gold has been paid into the Bank of England.

Brown Rapeseed was quoted yesterday at 29s. per 416lbs. sellers, shipment this and-or next month to Amsterdam, tone of the market quiet.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed steady last evening; Surats firm; and Arrivals quiet but steady, the day's sales having aggregated 15,000 bales, including the unusually large proportion of 1,000 East Indians. The price of spot Mid.-Americans remained at 4 1-16d. per lb., but in East Indian Cotton, Tinnevelly's were 1-16d. higher; as also were Egyptian "Fair" Brown, American Arrivals were 1-32d. higher, the extreme quotations being 3 31-32d. for June-July deliveries, and 4 1-32d. for October-November. The day's imports were 1,000 bales. The Manchester market was firm.

This afternoon the Liverpool market closed firm; Surat firm; and Arrivals steady; the day's Sales being 10,000 bales, inclusive of 1,000 East Indians. Spot prices are all unchanged, but American Arrivals are 1-32d. higher in the nearer positions, and 1-64d. in the more distant. The day's Imports are 4,000 bales. The Manchester market has remained firm.

The total Sales of Cotton in Liverpool for the week ending yesterday were much heavier than in the week preceding, say, 37,000 bales more, at 81,000 bales, of which 10,000 bales were on speculation; while the amount forwarded to consumers was 3,000 bales more, at 63,000. The week's Imports were 14,000 bales less, at 41,000 bales. The total Stock had diminished by 14,000 bales, and as it stood yesterday, it was heavier, by 37,000 bales, than at the same time last year, though lighter, by 25,000 bales than in 1892. The usual weekly figures for the total Visible Supply of Cotton for all Europe are again missing. The price of ready Mid.-American Cotton in Liverpool advanced 1-16d. during the week, making it 1-8d. per lb. lower than at the same time in both the two preceding years.

In New York, the price of ready Mid.-Uplands Cotton advanced 3-16 cent, say to 7-16 cents per lb., and September futures were quoted at 7-29 cents, the last quotation for August having been 7·24 cents (net 7·34 cents as previously erroneously wired through Reuter). The day's Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 1,000 bales, making the week a much lighter one than in either of the two previous years, the excess this year compared with last being 909,000 bales, and the decrease as against 1892, 1,155,000 bales.

To-day the price of spot Cotton in New York is unchanged; but September Futures are 4 points lower, at 7·25 cents per lb. The Receipts at the Ports are 3,000 bales, going against 3,100 bales last year, and 3,000 bales in 1892. The Cotton in sight is 7,180,000 bales, compared with 7,140,000 bales visible a week ago.

The American crop figures to date give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons:—

	1894.	1893.	1892.
Week's receipts	9,000	25,000	33,000
„ exports to U. Kingdom	7,000	35,000	24,000
„ „ Continent	11,000	11,000	15,000
Total receipts since 1st Sept.	5,753,000	4,844,000	6,908,000
„ exports to U. K. do.	2,756,000	2,102,000	3,099,000
„ „ to Continent do.	2,180,000	1,847,000	2,387,000
„ Stock in the Ports	440,000	470,000	648,000

The total Visible Supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 1st inst., affords the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1894.	1893.	1892.
Total supply of all kinds	(not recd.)	3,510,000	3,879,620
„ Surats		410,000	553,220

For the United Kingdom only the figures are:—

	1894.	1893.	1892.
Stock in Liverpool	1,610,000	1,573,000	1,634,860
„ London	(not recd.)	7,000	9,000
American Afloat	30,000	70,000	60,000
East Indian „	16,000	9,000	25,000
Total	1,656,000	1,659,000	1,728,860
Price of Mid.-Americans	4 1-16d.	4 3-16d.	4 3-16d.
„ Good Dhollera	3 3-16d.	3½d.	3 7-16d.
Difference	¾d.	9-16d.	¾d.

Only a very small business has been done again in Cotton here to-day, the tone of the market having been steady and prices unchanged. The Sales aggregate 500 bales of which exporters have taken 100 each of Karanja, at Rs. 194; and Bijapur, at Rs. 177; and the Mills 200 Veerumgaum, at Rs. 190-1; and 100 Dhulia, at Rs. 168 per candy.

WHEAT AND SEEDS have both been quiet markets to-day, a small export business having been done in the former, and a moderate one in the latter, prices in both markets being quite unchanged.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows:—

Cotton	7,532 bales.
Wheat	10,889 cwts.
Linseed	29,530 „
Rapeseed	25,206 „
Gingelly	741 „
Poppyseed	2,254 „
Groundnuts	3,588 „
Castorseed	3,092 „
Rice	686 „

FREIGHTS are steady: but there is still little enquiry for tonnage, and no business of importance has transpired to-day.

EXCHANGE opened with a steady feeling at 1s. 0 29-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand; at 1s. 1 1-32d. for three months' sight Credits for June delivery, at which rate we have heard of a few bills being placed, also forward for August amounts at 1s. 1d. Bank Telegraphic, at our above quotation, has been available for June-July transfer, and to the end of the year at 1s. 0 7/8d.; but we have not heard of any enquiry for remittance in any position to-day, but a moderate amount of Gold is reported for near delivery on the basis of 1s. 0 15-16d. Demand this time sold back to the Bazaar. Calcutta, as usual seems averse to firmer rates; but, locally our market closed steady to firm, as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand.	1s. 0 29-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 0 29-32d.	„
Do. 3 months' sight	1s. 0 15-16d.	„
Credits 3 „	1s. 1 1-16d.	„
Francs 3 „	1·37½	„

with the ready Bank rate quoted also for June-July.

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been steady throughout the day at 104 1-16 for Fours for Money and Account, and at the close, 1-16 per cent. higher was quoted in both positions. 100¾ was the closing rate for 3½ per Cents.

SHARES are as quiet as they well can be, and our quotations are all unchanged.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

JUNE 3.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
AMERICA.—Via Reos', perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect, Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.
Cables Accra-Katonu and Accra-Lagos, interrupted.
Telegrams for stations south of Lagos (in West Africa) can be sent via Aden and Zanzibar.
Cable Assab Massouah interrupted. Telegrams for Massouah can be forwarded by post from Aden every Thursday.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

KITCHIN—May 10, at Illmer, Sidcup, wife of the Rev Arthur Kitchin, Caplain in H M Indian Service, daughter.

MARRIAGES.

STOATE, RIGG—May 9, at the parish church, Lillington, the Rev W M Stoate, BA, only surviving son of Mr R Tate-Stoate, of Clifton (by Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Colonel Wigan, HEICS), to Fannie, daughter of the late Lieut Colonel Rigg (Indian Army), of Crossrigg Hall, near Penrith, J P and D. of Westmoreland, and grand-daughter of the late General Carthew, CB, of Woodbridge Abbey, Suffolk.

TOWNSHEND, GRAY—May 19, at All Saints, Hove, George Chambre Wilmot Townshend, eldest son of N W O Townshend, of Adolphus-road, Hornsey, and of Derry, county Cork, to Eliza Susan (Bessie) Gray, daughter of the late French Gray, of the Ceylon Civil Service.

DEATHS.

GRAHAM—May 12, at Asfield Villa, 1, Chamberlain-road, Edinburgh, Archibald Graham, MD, HEICS, late Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals, Bombay Army, of Holmfoot, Langholme, Dumfriesshire, 91.

MERCER—May 15 at Ealing, Jane Esther, the wife of Major Gen T Warren Mercer, late Bengal Staff Corps, aged 72.

RAIKES—May 12, at Sea View, Isle of Wight, Caroline Justina, elder daughter of the late Charles Raikes, Esq, Bengal Civil Service, CSI, aged 52.

ROSENBERG—May 11, at Gruna, near Dresden, Eliza von Rosenberg, wife of Otto G Baron von Rosenberg, and relict of the late Henry Cormack, Esq, of Bombay.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CHEVERTON—May 31, at Madras, the wife of Condr. A Cheverton, Ordnance Dept, of twins, boy and girl, girl stillborn.

CONYBEARE—May 26, at Muttra, the wife of H C Conybeare, Indian Civil Service, of a daughter.

DRAPER—May 25, at Kasauli, the wife of Captain and Riding Master F Draper, R H A, of a son.

FRENCH—May 29, at Madras, the wife of V C French, PWD, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

MACFARLANE, BEST—May 30, at St Stephen's Church, Ootacamund, by the Rev A Acheson Williams, MA, John Bolton Macfarlane, Dist Engineer, of South Canara, to Ethel Maud, elder daughter of Mr Justice Best.

DEATHS.

D'ROZARIO—May 26, at Parvatipur, Vizagapatam, Mathias Victor, late of Devala-Moyar, S E Wynaad, of dysentery, aged 48 years.

EXSHAW—May 1, at Naini Tal, George Watts Exshaw, third surviving son of the late Thomas Lyster Exshaw, of Hytia House, Monasterevan, Ireland.

HOPKINS—May 27, at Mussoorie, Lyndsay May, infant daughter of H M R Hopkins, CS, aged 10 months.

The Bombay Gazette

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1894.

DR. GEORGE WATT'S magnum opus the "Dictionary of the Economic Products of India" has just been completed and the final volume published at Calcutta, under the authority of the Government of India. In a preface to the first volume of the series, issued in 1889, the circumstances which led to the publication of a work on the economic products of India are set forth. It was of course the duty of the Agricultural Department to furnish such a work, but the initiative was given in 1877, when the Agricultural Department of the North-Western Provinces was called upon to provide a collection of Indian products for the exhibition to be held in Paris in 1878. Again in 1880 a similar call was made to supply a collection of similar products for the exhibition at Melbourne. A third collection was required in 1880 for the exhibition at Amsterdam, and simultaneously the Governments of Italy and Belgium requested to be supplied with sample collections of the commercial products of India. These collections were made under the direction of Sir E. C. Buck, by Babu Trailokhya Nath Mukherji. The list of products became very large, and was in due time illustrated by samples or specimens in glass cases, and called the index collection. This collection was lacking in scientific arrangement and was by no means complete. The Government of Bengal requiring the assistance of the Government of India to provide a collection of Indian products for the Calcutta exhibition of 1883-84. Dr. George Watt, of the Bengal Educational Department, who had come out to India as Professor of Botany, was entrusted with the work by the Government of India. He proceeded with the assistance of the learned Babu to enlarge and arrange on a scientific basis the Imperial and Provincial lists and collections. The results were shown in the economic Court of the Calcutta Exhibition, and proved that a remarkable progress had been accomplished. It was decided especially with a view to a suitable collection of Indian products at the Collinderies in 1876 to entrust the preparation of a complete Dictionary of Economic Products. It will thus be seen that the stimulus supplied by recurring exhibitions hastened the work of bringing into one focus and up to date the facts and statistics relating to the products of India. Sir Edward Buck promises that the Department of Revenue and Agriculture will make investigations with the help of the Provincial Agricultural Departments, to obtain the fuller information which is still required about many of the products of the country, and to publish periodical statistics of the productions and the trade in the more important articles. A second edition of the Dictionary embodying further information may therefore be looked for, and all who are interested in such an undertaking are invited to supplement or correct the contents of this the first edition.

Dr. Watt modestly disclaims for the work which he has so laboriously built up, the status of a strictly scientific publication, but he is more than justified in believing that the Dictionary will be found sufficiently accurate in its scientific details for all scientific and commercial purposes. The author has fully achieved the double purpose which he held in view; on the one hand to supply scientific information useful to the administrative officer, and on the other to meet the requirements of the merchants, manufacturers, and other men of business in search of definite information regarding Indian products and their economic possibilities. In accomplishing this difficult task Dr. Watt may justly claim that he has done a great deal to advance the material interests of India and to bring the trade and capital of Great Britain into closer contact with the resources of the Indian Empire. A formidable list of the principal authors consulted gives an idea of the infinite labour which was devoted to the elucidation of all that is known about each individual product of India, whether indigenous or exotic. One of the first steps taken at the outset was to send to public officers in all parts of India, with the permission of the Government, several hundred copies of each of Dr. Watt's catalogues of the economic products of India for the Calcutta Internationol Exhibition, and requesting additions and corrections. A great deal of valuable information was thus obtained, and is embodied in the Dictionary with the name and address of each contributor. Perhaps the most important product of India from the point of view of the economist and the merchant is wheat, and to this deeply interesting subject two articles of considerable length have been contributed, the one by Mr. J. Murray and the other by Dr. Watt himself. Mr. Murray deals exhaustively with the origin and history of wheat, the Indian area under wheat cultivation, the cultivated races of Indian wheat and their commercial value, and the different methods of cultivation in the various Provinces and States of India. Mr. Murray covered so much interesting ground that it might be supposed that Dr. Watt would find no room for further inquiry, but this is far from being the case. He deals with the ease of a master with the whole class of question outside of the limits of the extensive area occupied by Mr. Murray. For instance he examines the basis of the foreign trade in Indian wheat, which he points out is chiefly required to supplement deficiencies in the European supply and is on that account in its nature precarious and subject to violent fluctuations. He goes into the question of organised adulteration by which the remarkable result is arrived at that of every twenty ship loads of wheat to England, one ship load consists of earth and gravel. Now, as it happens, not more than twenty millers in England have the special machinery required to clean Indian wheat, and consequently they are unable to use the quantity of that Indian product which they would willingly buy if they could get it free from admixture and impurity. Dr. Watt inquires into the influence of the Indian wheat supply of the European markets, and shows reason to conclude that the unprecedented fall in the value of wheat since 1881-82 is due to the pouring out of vast quantities of Indian wheat, paid for in a continually depreciated metal, to wit, silver.

Without following up for the present the economic aspects of the Indian wheat trade, we may turn back to Mr. Murray's paper which tells us what wheat is and inquires what it was and where it originally came from. It is interesting to know that we have in Poona and the Deccan in the species of wheat known as khaple—a kharif crop and a species of garden wheat—a link which may be found to connect ordinary wheat with its wild original. The grain is coated with an adhering husk which can only be separated by pounding. A small grain wheat has been found in the lake-dwellings of the earliest inhabitants of Western Switzerland, who lived about the time that the Greeks were besieging Troy, or perhaps before. A small grain of the same kind as that found in the lake-dwellings was detected in a brick of a pyramid of Dashur in Egypt, the date of which is 3359 B.C. De Candolle, in his *Origin of Cultivated Plants* is of opinion that the culture of wheat in the temperate regions of Europe, Asia, and Africa is older than the most ancient of known languages. The Chinese cultivated it 2700 B. C., and regarded it as a gift sent direct from Heaven. In the Græco-Roman world wheat was believed to be given to man by Ceres, the Bona Dea Mother of the Gods. The original home of the wheat is supposed to be Mesopotamia, where, according to a Chaldean priest, it was growing wild 2,300 years ago. Strab affirmed that a grain very similar to wheat grew wild in the Indus Valley, and he comes to the reasonable conclusion that wheat may have been cultivated in India as soon as in any other part of the world. The wheat of the lake-dwellers is not identical with that now cultivated because better varieties have taken their place. The wheat area of the India of the present day embraces Northern India to the Gangetic delta, and in Southern India the whole of the table-land of the Ghauts. Except in the Punjaub, wheat is not the staple food of the people. It is grown in the rest of the country chiefly for exportation. The fall of prices in the European markets—which in some quarters is regarded as the one thing essential for the prosperity of the Indian wheat trade—constitutes the danger which threatens its permanence.

THE scant acknowledgment and ill requital that public men often receive for services rendered to their day and generation is proverbial, and too often reformers and patriots have to mourn over the unkindness of men's ingratitude. Recognition of worth frequently comes late—the cities in which the living Homer begged his bread erected proud monuments to him when dead. Dr. Blaney cannot complain that recognition does not come in his lifetime, or what might, perhaps, be considered the same thing, after he has left India and this city for good. A marble statue larger than life has been erected to him, by his fellow-citizens in a conspicuous position, where he will have the satisfaction of seeing daily with his own eyes how his lineaments will appear to a grateful posterity. On Saturday afternoon, a really fine statue in Carrara marble was unveiled in the presence of a large assembly by Mr. Acworth. The Municipal Commissioner in the able speech which will be found in another column, paid an eloquent, almost poetic, tribute to Dr. Blaney's public spirit, charity, and phenomenal powers of work. Dr. Blaney himself had occasion to throw some light on the latter characteristic when giving his evidence before the Opium Commission, last February. Arguing that the much maligned drug is as harmless to the native consumer as the use of tea is to Europeans, Dr. Blaney, who has a fondness for going from the abstract to the concrete, proceeded to cite his own case in reference to the value of the gentle stimulant, in fitting a man for tireless toil. Going forth in early morn on his professional rounds, his practice being so extensive—larger than that of any other medical man in the city—it often happens that he does not return home to breakfast until two or three o'clock in the afternoon. An overpowering desire for sleep then comes upon him, but he is always able to shake off this craving for repose by drinking a cup of tea. He can then spend the rest of the afternoon and a good part of the evening in attending to his public engagements, which are as multifarious as those of any other inhabitant. The late Dean of Ripon waged war on the custom of tea-drinking, because of its fancied effects on the nerves, but Dr. Blaney regards it in quite a different light. He looks upon the beverage as an unfailing source of perennial freshness, and he informed Lord Brassey that as tea is to the European, opium is to the Native. Mr. Acworth's speech, on Saturday evening, although containing no reference to the secret of Dr. Blaney's marvellous exemption from the faculty of fatigue, was fully equal to the occasion. Certain incidents of local Municipal history were touched upon with considerable freshness and esprit. Admitting that Dr. Blaney and himself had often been antagonistic in the Council Hall, he said that although he had found the doctor's sword very sharp, he had never seen poison on the blade. This happy allusion to Dr. Blaney's debating powers was preceded by an equally graceful reference to the manner of his oratory:—"Long in that building," said Mr. Acworth, pointing to the Municipal Office, "may he continue with flashing eye and waving arm to roll the thunders of his eloquence over the Corporation." Dr. Blaney may well feel proud that both the Government and the people have united in doing him honour. While the former have decorated him with the insignia of the Indian Empire; the latter have raised a statue to make his presence perpetual in the city of his adoption.

A VOLUME of notes on the annual statements of the Government charitable dispensaries in the Central Provinces from which the growing appreciation by the natives of skilled medical aid is apparent, shows that whereas in 1892 the number of patients treated was nine hundred and seventy thousand, last year the total had increased to a million and ninety-four thousand—equal to twelve and a half per cent. This increase was fairly spread over all the districts with the exception of two. But of the evidences of progress in the medical relief that of the poor in Burhanpur is held to be perhaps the most gratifying. There the appointment of an assistant surgeon immediately led to the attendance at the dispensary being doubled. In the case of in-patients the increase is shown to be often limited by the available accommodation, though on the average only fifty-two per cent. of the available beds were occupied. But many dispensaries found themselves at times at the limit of their accommodation or had to refuse pauper applicants for want of funds to feed them. This has led to the consideration of the possibility of providing poor houses as an adjunct to the charitable dispensaries, but the inevitable cry of want of means explains the reason why further action is not taken not only in this particular but in other reforms of still greater urgency. The question of the financial administration of dispensaries, it appears, is one that has frequently come before the Chief Commissioner of late. The reconstit

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

LATEST DERBY BETTING.

LONDON, JUNE 1 (EVENING).

The following is the latest betting on the Derby :—

2 to 1 on.....Ladas.
6 to 1 against.....Bullingdon.
6 to 1 „ .....Matchbox.
33 to 1 „ .....Reminder.
50 to 1 „ .....Hornbeam.
50 to 1 „ .....Galloping Dick.
100 to 1 „ .....Gouvernail.
100 to 1 „ .....Styx.
100 to 1 „ .....Plutocrat.
100 to 1 „ .....Rowallan.
100 to 1 „ .....Jocasta.
100 to 1 „ .....Grand Hampton.

THE CONGO TREATY.

LONDON, JUNE 2.

In the House of Commons, last night, Sir E. Grey, replying to a question, said that Egypt reserved her rights over the Equatorial Province.

THE HARRAR TREATY.

In reply to further questions Sir E. Grey said that the Anglo-French agreements of 1888 and 1894, contain nothing which in the consideration of her Majesty's Government conflicts with the recent British Treaty with Italy regarding Harrar.

DEBATE ON THE UGANDA CREDIT.

During the debate in the House of Commons on the Uganda credit Sir E. Grey said that Government limits the British Protectorate to Uganda Proper, and appoints a Commissioner with an adequate staff who will be empowered to make agreements with the Chiefs of the Countries around the Protectorate. A Sub-Commissioner will also be appointed whose duty would be to maintain the route to the Coast.

It was not expedient, he said, that the British East Africa Company should retain the coast strip, but, pending the negotiations which have been opened with the Sultan of Zanzibar with a view to his resuming the control over that part, the Government did not propose to consider the question of revoking the Charter of the East Africa Company.

In conclusion, Sir E. Grey said that it was not the intention of the Government to ask a vote for the construction of a railway in that region.

THE UGANDA RAILWAY QUESTION.

LONDON, JUNE 2.

Lord Rosebery, replying to a question from Lord Salisbury, in the Lords, intimated that the Railway to Uganda was only deferred.

The House of Commons passed the Uganda vote by a large majority.

A WELL-DESERVED SENTENCE.

LONDON, JUNE 3.

The Bechuana troopers, Daniels and Wilson, have been sentenced each for suppressing the message of submission sent by Lobengula and for stealing one thousand pounds which was sent with it.

This act of theirs, the court was of opinion, led to the death of Major Wilson and his party.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH CHAMBER

PARIS, JUNE 2.

M. Casimir Perier has been appointed President of the Chamber of Deputies.

FRANCE AND THE ITALIAN HARRAR TREATY.

ROME, JUNE 1.

Italy has declined to accept the objections raised by France to the Harrar Treaty.

THE HUNGARIAN CIVIL MARRIAGE BILL.

VIENNA, JUNE 1.

The Emperor Francis Joseph, having refused to promise to create life Peers to carry through the Civil Marriage Bill, the Hungarian Cabinet has resigned. The crisis is tantamount to a conflict between the Crown and the people.

SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS AT SOFIA.

SOFIA, JUNE 1.

The agitation here still continues, and serious conflicts took place to-day in the streets between the troops and the people, in which a large number of the latter were killed and injured.

It is reported that the police and some of the troops have declared in favor of M. Stambouloff.

COUNTY CRICKET.

LONDON, JUNE 2.

Lancashire has beaten Sussex by an innings and one hundred and forty-three runs, and Yorkshire has beaten Middlesex by three wickets.

SIR SALTER PYNE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JUNE 2.

I am informed that Sir S. Pyne will remain in Simla longer than he originally intended, and will leave according to present plans on or about the 15th instant.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, JUNE 1.

The City Line steamer City of Perth left here, for Bombay, day before yesterday evening.

SUEZ, JUNE 1.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Gordon left here this evening.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macneil, from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

COLOMBO, JUNE 3.

Mail steamer Brittania, from Aden arrived.
Mail steamer Ravenna, from Bombay arrived.

The Italian steamer Bisagno left Hongkong, for Singapore and Bombay, at 5-56 p.m., to-day.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

LONDON, JUNE 1.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats firm.

Good Dhollera	3 3-16
The Manchester Market has been firm.	
2½ per cent. Consols	101 1-8-ex.
3 per cent. Rentes	100¾
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	108¾
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	85 1-8
Bar Silver	28 5-16

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

Total Week's Sales of Cotton		81,000	bales.
„ „ „	Surats	2,000	„
„ „	Imports of Cotton	41,900	„
„ „ „	Surats	1,000	„
„ Stock of Cotton		1,610,000	„
„ „	Surats	31,000	„

EXPOSURE OF THE TRUE AIMS OF TREE-SMEARERS.

CAPTURE OF TWENTY DELINQUENTS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JUNE 3.

The tree-smearing mystery has been solved at last, as the following sensational news published by the *Morning Post* to-day shows that the North-West Provinces Government has received a most important intelligence from Bareilly. That intelligence explains that extraordinary measures were adopted to preserve order in Azamgarh and the Ballia districts during the Bakr-Id celebration. It appears that news had reached the civil and military authorities of Bareilly that tree-smearers were making their way in that direction, and would begin operations there on the 27th ultimo. Two smart detectives, who have been on the tracks of the authors of these mysterious signs, gave a signal that the work had actually commenced. About two o'clock on the morning of the 27th an alarm was sounded, and the whole garrison of artillery, cavalry, and infantry were at arms in a splendidly short time of twenty-five minutes. Instructions were issued and a cordon was formed. The troops gradually closed in upon the road, where the tree-markers had been seen at work, and just as the day was opening it was found that they had entrapped no fewer than twenty sadhus. These men were practically caught red-handed as the trunks of trees had been freshly plastered, and the composition used in the process together with some cow's hair was found in their possession. The sadhus were told that they would be detained, pending the orders of Government. They are now under surveillance at Bareilly. The importance of this capture, which is in main due to the officer commanding the garrison cannot be over-estimated, for it has enabled Government to get the first real glimpse into what smearing of trees actually means. It appears that the sadhus, arrested at Bareilly, are but a section of a colossal organization, formed at Magh Mela at Allahabad, for the purpose of embarking on a crusade for the protection of the cow. It is a grave mistake to suppose that the work of this body has been confined to daubing trees with mud and hair, its members have preached to people throughout Bengal, Behar, and the North-West Provinces; and millions have taken a form of an oath that has been prescribed. This briefly recites that the Hindu swears by the single hair of the cow's tail that he takes from the daub of the sacred mud that he will protect the cow from slaughter. It is beyond doubt that the hair that has caused so much controversy is that of the cow's tail, and the possession of a single hair is held to bind the owner under divers terrible penalties to lay down his life if necessary for the animal that he holds most sacred and to look up the secret of the oath he has taken in his heart. The North-West Provinces Government is in active communication with the Government of India regarding the measures that should be taken in view of this remarkable exposure of the actual aims of the tree-smearers. No doubt the result will be an infliction of strict restraints to prevent the Mahomedans hurting the religious feeling of the Hindus whilst the leaders of the latter community will be required to keep their own people in order.

A NOTORIOUS GANG OF DACOITS KILLED

A desperate encounter with dacoits occurred on May 29, when the sepoys of the Datia State under the Tehsildar and Inspector and Duffadar of the Thuggi and Dacoity Department, met Sultan Singh, the notorious leader, near Seonia. All the dacoits were killed; on the attacking side only man was killed. Sultan Singh's band was responsible for over a hundred dacoities.

THE SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RACES.

THIRD DAY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BELGAUM, JUNE 2.

"The Hunt Cup."—Rs. 500. Distance, 5 furlongs.

Mr. Lucas's Magna Charta	1
H. H. Aga Khan's Russian	2

Won by Magna Charta, Russian pulling up. Time, 1 min. and 9¼ sec.

"The Sensation Stakes."—Rs. 500, Distance, ¼ mile, straight.

Mr. Macpherson's Claverhouse	1
Mr. Essa Khaliffa's Rajeeb	2

Claverhouse was put up for auction at the close of the race, and sold for Rs. 800. Won by a length. Time, 53 2-6 secs,

"The Stewards' Handicap."—Rs. 500. Distance, ½ mile.

Mr. Abdool Rahman bin Essa's Nessand	1
Mr. A. B. C.'s Miggle	2
Mr. M. N. G.'s West King	3

After one or two false starts, the horses kept in the one order from start to finish. Won by six lengths. Time, 25 4-5 sec.

"The Cambridgeshire."—Rs. 1,000, Distance, 1 mile.

Mr. H. E. A. W.'s Dameron	1
H. H. Aga Khan's True Blue	2
H. H. Aga Khan's Kildare	3

Also ran Mr. James's Hankow.

Won by 2 lengths; a poor third. Time, 1 min. and 54 secs.

"The Miraj Plate."—Rs. 500, Distance, 5 furlongs.

Essa Khaliffa's Sir Frank	1
Mr. Beatty's Mooltan	2
Surgeon-Major DaCosta's Young Bulbul	3

There were several false starts. Won by a neck; the distance of a length divided the second and third horse.

"The Polo Scurry."—Rs. 60 for the first; Rs. 25 for the second, and Rs. 10 for the 3rd horse. Distance, ¼ mile.

Mr. Dyson's Byron	1
Mr. Harrison's Sirdar	2

THE COMING MONSOON.

MESSRS. MACKINNON MACKENZIE AND CO., Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Ld., on Saturday, received a message from their Colombo agents to the effect that the South-West Monsoon burst there that morning. The Meteorological Reporter in a postcript to his yesterday's weather report writes :—

Colombo reports over an inch of rain 1·20, overcast sky, a rough sea, and strong westerly winds with velocity of sixteen miles an hour. The weather in Ceylon and in the adjoining seas is very unsettled. The barometric difference between Colombo and Aden has considerably increased since yesterday, thereby indicating that a moderate to strong monsoon wind is blowing in the Arabian Sea.

Rain fell in Bombay both yesterday and Saturday, but only served to render the temperature hot and oppressive.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 2.

10 p.m.	85·1

FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

6 a.m.	83·6
10 a.m.	88·8
2 p.m.	89·6
4 p.m.	88·3

ON Tuesday last, Mr. Justice Blair, sitting in Chambers, at Allahabad, sanctioned, on the report of the official liquidators, Messrs. J. E. Howard and R. A. Fairlie, the declaration and payment of the last dividend of one anna in the rupee, completing the sixteen annas of registered claims payable to the creditors of the Uncovenanted Service Bank. The liquidators hope with good fortune to pay the shareholders 20 per cent. of the value of their shares. These results are distinctly satisfactory. It is a curious fact that there are still some Rs. 38,000 of dividends lying unclaimed in the hands of the officiating liquidators which threaten to become derelict if not claimed within a reasonable time.

LORD and Lady Dufferin have issued invitations for a garden party at the British Embassy, in Paris, on June 6.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MAY 18.

POLITICS, like the poor, are always with us, even at Whitsuntide. At this holiday season the voice of the politician has been heard in the land. At Liverpool we have had a great gathering of the Nationalist clans. The lion Healy has laid down with the lamb Dillon. There have been explanations and apologies, which are to be followed by a more complete reconciliation when a national convention is held in the Irish Capital. But though the different sections of the Anti-Parnellite party have taken advantage of the annual gathering of delegates of the Irish National League of Great Britain—what long names these political bodies give themselves!—to pave the way for a settlement of their personal differences, there are no signs of any approach to a *modus vivendi* with the Redmondites. I daresay, Lord Rosebery wishes there were, if he is still determined to go on with his formidable task. From many different quarters he is being urged to dissolve without unnecessary delay. A few short weeks ago Liberals became very angry if it was suggested that an appeal to the country was imminent. I do not observe the same impatience now. The narrow majority by which the "frankly democratic" Budget Bill was read a second time and the desperate efforts that had to be resorted to to secure even so comparatively poor a result, have undoubtedly affected the situation materially. At present the spirits of Ministerialists are not very high, but they hope for great things from the approaching conference at Leeds, when it is hoped that the agitation against the Lords, which has so long missed fire, will rouse the country and help to restore what is described as the waning popularity of Lord Rosebery. Whether the Prime Minister's popularity is waning or not with the mass of the electors, he has undoubtedly lost ground with the class of persons who admired him so much when he presided over the Foreign Office, and, unfortunately for the Ministerialists, these are the very people that it was thought would flock under the banner of Lord Rosebery as they did under that of the Marquis of Hartington, when in the pre-Home Rule days he exercised so much influence in the Liberal party. Sufficient allowance is not made for the Premier's difficulties. He may be a statesman of no fixed principles, but he certainly is not wanting in courage to attempt to carry on the Government with a Ministry selected by his predecessor and with a programme that was not his own choosing. It is perhaps a little unreasonable to cry out against him for not laying down definitely what his policy for the future will be. The time for that will be when he goes to the country, and, according to Mr. Haldane, M.P., who is well-informed, the dissolution will not be much longer delayed. Some people will say that the wish is father to the thought—Mr. Haldane is one of those who think that the General Election should have taken place before this, but he would hardly have spoken, as he did in Haddingtonshire the other night, unless he had something to go upon. The retirement of Mr. Mundella from the Ministry in consequence of his connection with the affairs of a Colonial bank, which are engaging the attention of the department of which he was the head, does not weaken the Ministry in the least degree, and would not have done so if he had resigned for any other reason under the sun. Now that Mr. Childers his disappeared from the Parliamentary arena, Mr. Mundella is the most prominent member of the "old gang," who flourished when Mr. Gladstone was at the helm, but whose downfall was certain when a different hand took charge of the craft. Mr. Mundella quits Ministerial life now instead of later. It is practically certain that he would not have been in the next Government that Lord Rosebery is called upon to create. The same may be said with equal confidence of one or two more honourable and right hon. gentlemen who now repose on the Treasury Bench. If someone at the Prime Minister's elbow were to persuade him to adopt a little more sedateness in his public utterances it would be an advantage to him. There is a time to joke and a time to be serious. Lord Rosebery is not aware of this, and his reputation will suffer if he does not soon find it out.

The strike of the London cab-men which commenced two days ago excites much less interest than the action of a similar kind taken by the busmen of the Metropolis a few years ago. This is to be accounted for partly by the fact that the temporary cessation of the bus traffic was a real inconvenience to *tout Londres*, while the withdrawal of 7,000 out of the 11,000 licensed hansoms and growlers has not been felt by Londoners as a serious deprivation, though the scarcity of cabs at the various termini of the great railways has caused a certain amount of grumbling on the part of travellers. The whole situation would be changed if the busmen were to respond to the appeal to join in the demonstration out of sympathy with the cabbies. Why drivers of busses should mix themselves up in the quarrel between the drivers of "kebs" and their masters is not very clear. So far they have shown no disposition to do so; possibly they regard the invitation to come over and help their natural enemies pretty much as the foxes in the fable felt when requested by the tail-less Reynard to sacrifice their caudal appendages. On the first day of the strike I had to pass more than once through the heart of the Metropolis, and I was surprised to see so many hamsoms plying for hire. It is true that the bulk of them were in a ramshackle condition as compared with, say, the smart and nicely-appointed cabs of the S. T. Company. They were what the worst of the "pirate" busses are to the Road Car or London General busses. Let us hope that the result of the present deadlock will not be to leave us to the tender mercies of the smaller proprietors, or, as they are called in cabby vocabulary "mushes," many of whom have conceded the men's demands, and to drive out enterprising owners like the Earl of Shrewsbury. That, indeed, would be a misfortune. It is an ominous sign that a hundred of the cabhorses belonging to the S. T. Company are being put up to auction today, and there are rumours that if the strike continues much longer other large proprietors will follow suit. Broadly stated, the grievances of the men resolve themselves into an application for the reduction of the charges by three shillings a-day. If it is true that the amount exacted is in many cases seventeen shillings, including "yard fees," it must seem to outsiders rather too much in these days, when so many people, who formerly indulged in the luxury of a cab, are now content with what—when money was more plentiful than it is now—used to be called the "humble bus." It is not only the competition of omnibuses that has interfered with the cabman's calling in recent years: the development of the telephone, the extended employment of commissionaires and messenger-boys as well as other "appliances of civilization" have contributed to reduce the earnings of the gondoliers of Cockneydom. On the whole public opinion sides with the strikers, but it will not continue to do so if we hear of many more outrages such as that which occurred in Park Lane, where an "unauthorized" driver was attacked by some two hundred Unionists. The traces were cut, the hansom overturned, and the poor "blackleg" seriously injured. An unauthorized driver is one whose cab does not carry the label issued by the strike leaders, stating that the cab is a "fair price" one. Another device of the strikers to punish their non-Unionist comrades is to drive about London all day in an unauthorized cab, and then "bilk" the driver! One trick suggests another, and it appears that in self-protection the "black-legs" or their masters, are displaying imitation labels. In ordinary circumstances cabby is more remarkable for his reticence than his communicativeness. His powers of speech are not often exhibited except when he is run into by a passing bus or is disgusted with a fare for not giving him more than sixpence above what he is legally entitled to. But now that he has taken to demonstrating in the Park, like other horny-handed sons of toil, we are getting to know a little more about him. Many old ladies imagine that half the cabmen of London are springs of the nobility or broken down army officers. However this may be the names that the cabbies give themselves are not what one expect from scions of the aristocracy. Here are a few of the curious appellations culled from a choice collection made by an evening paper:—Tommy Cheek, Toffee Dick, Keep-it-Handy, Billy-the-Goat, Muggins Hop-It, Pull-the-Wrong String, Sweet-apple-Jove-and-the-Baby, Old-Block-ornament from Hampstead, Knackerman, Taylor-with-his-old-High-Hat, the Dancing Master, Buffalo-Bill, Sweet-William-from Par..., Rooty, Old Boosey, Flop-the Beadle, The Court Sn... wbull, Scorcher, Knight-of-the-Frying Pan, Up-the-Po... e-at-Paddington, Gulliver's Chicken-with-his Lord... -Throttle, Billy-Do-Bad, Tommy 'Orrible, Old Four... Bob, Lost-it-by-one, the Hangman, Count Mollocky, ... Rum-and-Rago, Chel-sea-Nibs, Skin-the-Goat, Lying ... Jack, Brookes-the-Scrap, the Death-Hunter, and Bob ... Talkative. One customary effect of a considerable ... trike, among whatever class of workmen it occurs, is ... bring out some prominent member of the trade, who develops into a professional agitator and aspires—sometimes secures—a seat in Parliament. Bob "Talkative," if he lives up to his name ought certainly to be returned to the House of Commons at the General Election.

The extraordinary, and to some extent, unaccountable decline in the price of rupee paper is puzzling many minds in the city. As you will have heard by cablegram, the city editor of the *Standard* echoes an opinion prevailing in some quarters, that the existing deep depression is attributable to an intention on the part of Simla to pay off rupee debt in India, and replace it with sterling debt here. We are reminded that the rupee debt can be paid off on three months' notice, and that the Indian Treasuries possess a vast accumulation of silver. To issue three per cent. sterling stock in London and pay off rupee debt in India at par is described by the influential journal I have referred to as a dangerously tempting financial operation, reducing, as it would, the nominal amount of the debt to the extent of the operation by 50 per cent. What is more, it is pointed out that it would temporarily lift the exchange, but would, of course, "do nothing whatever otherwise to aid India in meeting her daily obligation, on this side." The present position is such that surely when the House of Commons reassembles some effort will be made to induce Sir William Harcourt to fix a day forthwith for the long-promised debate on the financial condition of India. The understanding was that the discussion should take place soon after the Easter Recess; and here we are in the third week of May without being any "forrader." It was rather expected that Mr. Fowler, the new Secretary of State for India, would have made some allusion to the subject in his speech at Wolverhampton—the only considerable political address that has been delivered during the Whitsun holidays—but he avoided touching upon the matter at all. What is more, although the congratulatory address presented to the right hon. gentleman seemed partly designed to draw him out on India, no one who did not know the fact could have imagined that he presided over the destinies of our Asiatic dependencies. He is certainly different from one of his more recent—not the most recent—of his predecessors. The statesman I allude to never opened his mouth publicly without adverting to Indian Affairs, and sometimes his observations were, I suspect, a little embarrassing to the permanent officials in Whitehall. Some people praise Mr. Fowler's reticence, which, they say, is not due to excessive caution, but to the knowledge that his few weeks' occupation of the Indian portfolio does not entitle him at present to speak *ex cathedra*. With reference to the financial outlook in India a suggestion is made to-day, that one of three courses must be adopted: (1) allow India to default and thereby lose that country; (2) put our hand in our pocket; or (3) join in the restoration of silver. The obvious impossibility of the first is admitted by the *Westminster Gazette*, in which these propositions are made. The second seems to your Radical contemporary to be preferable to the third, "for we should not be obliged to tamper with our own currency nor take a great share in a gigantic experiment which may end in complete failure." Sanguine bimetallists—and all bimetallists in England, at all events, seem to be sanguine—find comfort in the *Westminster's* statement that if a double standard is introduced, it "may" end in failure. They say, that a year ago a paper like the *Westminster* would have said "will end in failure." Others may think the distinction a little far-fetched. Mr. Lesley Probyn has drawn attention to the falling off in the amount of Rupee Paper held in London since the beginning of the year. He cannot help fearing—though he is told on high authority that his fears are groundless—that this may indicate a desire on the part of European investors to put their capital out of the reach of rupee fluctuations and a growing distrust in the future of Indian money; and possibly, he adds, a similar process may be going on in a less visible form, but perhaps to a greater extent by the increased remittance of savings to England and by the exchange banks and others reducing, as far as they can, their holdings in the uncertain currency." With respect to the recent fiasco at Westminster, when the House of Commons was counted out during a debate on the silver question, I am told that Mr. Samuel Smith, who raised the discussion, was acting upon his own responsibility and rather against the wishes than on behalf of the bimetallic party. They do not consider the apparent lack of interest evinced by members of Parliament in Mr. Smith's action as at all indicative of public feeling in this country.

More sensational suicides! An errand boy aged fourteen, committed suicide a few weeks ago because as he said, he found life was not worth living. In Vienna, where the epidemic is apparently even more prevalent than in other countries, a girl and a boy, aged respectively nine and eleven, have just drowned themselves in the Danube, because their school reports were unsatisfactory. In one of the London suburbs two days ago a girl of eighteen first killed a younger sister and then poisoned herself because she was jealous of another sister! At Leeds yesterday, an urchin of thirteen hanged himself. He was fond of reading penny dreadfuls, and near his body was found a book with the singular tale of "Tricky Sarah, or The Mysteries of a Great City." Not so very long ago it used to be said that the statistics of suicides were practically stationary; that is no longer the case. Every where, that is everywhere in the civilized world they are increasing there is no doubt about that: the fact is vouched for by statisticians of authority. Why this melancholy state of things should exist is not so clear. "To some extent," according to the *Times* it is the outcome of the over-excitement and over-strain, the hurry and worry and pace of modern life; or it may be only another side to the prevalence of insanity. In many cases it is traceable to the pessimism and *tedium vitæ* to which so much of literature gives stimulating expression. With regard to the prevalence of insanity some married friends of mine living in Kensington tell me that within their comparatively narrow circle of acquaintance they know six young ladies all under twenty-three, who at the present moment are under restraint. Is this what boasted civilization is coming to?

The mango-tree scare has entirely died out. It received a spurt from the telegram announcing the trouble in a native regiment up-country, but did not survive the Viceroy's despatch explaining that the trouble in question had been greatly exaggerated. The writer of the *Times* article on Indian affairs makes a rather neat point when he attributes the recent anxiety to an evil conscience. "This," he says in effect, "is what comes of giving way to every whim of Parliamentay faddists."

IT is often said that the Lower Standard examination in Hindustani is so easy that no one should ever be plucked; but candidates must not build too much upon learning a few score words and then playing a game of permutation and combination with them. Here is a composition which will illustrate our meaning. An examinee wrote in his best Hindustani:—"A man went on an island; he went in a boat. The boat was large; the island was small. The man was a young man. There was not a man on the island; there was also no woman. The man was sorry there was no man; he was more sorry there was no woman. &c., &c." The author of this plain tale was rejected of the examiner; and yet, as he knew some five-and-twenty Hindustani words and was proud of his knowledge, he considered himself hardly used.

A MANIFESTO, signed by the Archbishops and Bishops, has been issued to the members of the Church of England, in reference to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill. The prelates declare that the issue raised by the proposals of the Government stands alone and distinct from questions of party, and all Christians are exhorted to consider how the votes they record may preserve or alienate the sacred heritage which has been handed down to them

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF THE 18TH MAY.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steam-ship Siam, Captain H. Weighell, with the Overland Mails of the 18th May, arrived in Bombay harbour, at 9 p.m., on Saturday. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Mr L A Rhind	Surg L E Condon
Mr W Ferguson	Mrs Phillips
Mr J C Burnham	Surg-Capt H Arnim
Sub-Condr E Adkin	Mr and Mrs Clogtoun
Mr S H Huck	Surg-Capt Kelly

FROM BRINDISI.

Mr Stewart Wilson	Mr and Mrs H T Ross
Rev Davies	Mr D Rickett
Mr J C Hewitt	Mr Thos Campbell
Mr J V Cooke	Capt W Kerrick
Mr D Johnstone	Mr C J Bond
Mr V Moss	

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON MAY 18.

THE COURT.

THE Queen, accompanied by Princess Alix of Hesse, returned from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle, on Friday.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke of York, on Saturday, inaugurated the summer and autumn season at the Imperial Institute, by a visit to the exhibition of decorative and artistic pottery, China, and glass-work, which has been placed there in connection with the United Kingdom section of the Institute.

PARLIAMENTARY.

On Thursday last the adjourned debate on the Finance Bill was resumed in the House of Commons, and many members addressed the House, the principal speakers being Mr. A. J. Balfour and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. On a division being taken, the second reading was carried by 308 votes against 294—a majority of 14. The House then adjourned until Monday, May 21.

In the division the Irish Parnellites voted against the Government, while Mr. J. M'Carthy's party supported the second reading.

POLITICAL.

Mr. Mundella has addressed to one of his constituents in the Brightside Division of Sheffield a letter, in which he says that one simple reason led to his resignation. He felt that it ought to be his utmost care that the department of which he was the head should run no risk of being crippled in its administrative action by his continuance in the position he has occupied.

Mr. Fowler spoke last night, at Wolverhampton, at some length, on the Parish Councils Act, which, he said, had been passed through Parliament much more slowly than many other equally important measures. The responsibility for this slowness he attributed to the Opposition. As to the furture, the Government would fulfil all its pledges in the same spirit as that in which two great measures—one dealing with electoral reform, the other with finance—had already been introduced.

Mr. Beaufoy, the Gladstonian representative of Kennington, finding himself unable to support the Government on the Budget, has intimated to the executive of the Kennington Liberal Association his intention of not again contesting the seat.

At Bangor, on Wednesday night, Mr. Lloyd-George, M.P., and the other Welsh members who have decided to adopt an independent attitude in Parliament, in consequence of the action of the Government with regard to Welsh disestablishment, addressed a large meeting and brought forward arguments to justify their resolve. A vote of confidence in them was passed by a very large majority.

A memorial has been addressed by the council of the Royal Colonial Institute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in which objections are urged against the proposal to make personal property out of the United Kingdom liable to the proposed new probate or estate duty. The memorial deals with the proposal from the point of view of the colonies and of persons interested in them.

The annual convention of delegates of the Irish National League of Great Britain was held on Saturday, in Liverpool, Mr. T. P. O'Conner, M.P., president, in the chair. The report, after reviewing recent Parliamentary events, expressed the opinion that the highest interests of Ireland would be most effectually served by a close and constant alliance with the Liberal party. A lively discussion took place on a number of resolutions submitted with reference to the desseniones in the Irish Parliamentary party. The members of the executive, including the president, were re-elected, and Leeds was fixed as the meeting-place of the next convention.

GENERAL.

Professor Henry Morley, a distinguished editor and popularizer of standard English literature, died at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on Monday.

Wembley Park, between Willesden and Harrow, was opened to the public on Saturday as a recreation ground. The property belongs to the Metropolitan Tower Company, which is erecting a tower on the plan of the Eiffel Tower at Paris, but on a somewhat larger scale.

At Friday's sitting of the Royal Commission on Agriculture, evidence was given by Mr. Druce, barrister, and secretary of the Farmer's Club, who expressed himself unfavourably to restrictions on agriculture, opposed the institution of Courts for the fixing of rents, offered suggestions for the amendment of the Agricultural Holdings Act, and thought the law of distress might also be amended.

The Board of Trade have appointed a committee, with Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., as chairman, to inquire and report whether any amendment of the existing law is necessary with regard to the alleged undermanning of ships.

On Monday the 26th annual Co-operative Conference was opened at Sunderland. The statistics furnished to the conference gave the number of co-operative societies at the close of last year as 1,655, with 1,298,587 members, and an aggregate share capital of £14,556,960. The total net profit on the year's transactions has been £4,678,004.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the explorion at Waltham Abbey Powdet Mills in December last have reported that there exist grave defects in the system of discipline and precaution at those works.

In the Consistory Court of London on Friday an application was made for a faculty to place in a niche of the wall of St. Saviour's, Pimlico, an urn containing the ashes of the late Charles W. R. Kerr, cremated recently at Woking. The chancellor, Dr. Tristram, saw grave objections to honeycoming the walls of a church for such a purpose as this, but would take time to consider his decision.

The London cabmen, who have for some days past been holding meetings with a view to a strike in order to compel the cab proprietors to reduce their charges by 3s. per day, are now on strike, but many cabs are still running, and but little inconvenience appears as yet to have been caused to the public.

At the Newmarket meeting, on Friday, the race for the One Thousand Guineas Stakes was won by the Duke of Portland's Amiable, Mr. Russell's Lady Minting being second.

The cricket match between Middlesex and Somerset at Lord's ended on Tuesday, in a win for the home county by ten wickets. Yorkshire beat Lancashire by an innings and four runs. Surrey beat Notts by an innings and nine runs. Warwickshire added a third win to their record and won their match with Kent by eight wikets. Gloucestershire beat Sussex by eight wickets at Brighton on Wednesday.

At Bow-street Police-court on Friday, Theodule Joseph Meunier was again brought up for extradition, charged with murder within the jurisdiction of the French Government, the allegation being that the accused was implicated in the explosion at the Cafe Very, in Paris, in 1892, and also in the attempt to blow up the Lobau Barracks. A number of witnesses were called with the view of proving an *alibi* for the prisoner, but the magistrate said that this defence could only be properly investigated in France, and he committed the prisoner for extradition on both charges.

At Bow-street Police-court, on Wednesday, Sir John Bridge discharged Mottel Prejepurki, who was brought up on remand for extradition on a charge of arson in Russian Poland, on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence against him.

IRELAND.

Canon Peacocke has been elected to fill the vacant Church of Ireland bishopric of Meath.

The trial of the libel action of "Pike v. Beamish" for imputing cheating at cards is being continued in Dublin. Mr. Penrose Fitzgerald, M.P., was one of the witnesses examined.

A caretaker on a farm from which the last tenant was evicted has been shot at near Lisoahane, about four miles from Tralee. Fortunately the man was not wounded, though a number of pellets went through his coat.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK.

A. Graham, M.D., D. I. G. of Hospitals, Bo. Ret.; Earl of Lindsay, Mr. V. Benet-Stanford; Capt. T. Woodgate, R. N.; Rev. W. A. Hales; Prof. Henry Morley; Rev. Dr. Richard Morris; Mr. E. W. Broughton; Baron N. Nay; Herr Von Schloser; M. Johnson; Grand Duchess Ekaterina Michailovna; Hon. Mrs. Denison; Miss Eleanor Butcher.

THE marriage of Lady Victoria Blackwood, daughter of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, to the Hon. W. Lee Plunket, is arranged to take place in Paris, on June 21.

MEMORIAL TO DR. BLANEY.

UNVEILING THE STATUE.

ON Saturday afternoon, Mr. H. A. Acworth, the Municipal Commissioner, performed the most interesting ceremony of unveiling the statue of Dr. Thomas Blaney, the ex-President of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, and the late City Coroner, in the presence of a very large and influential gathering of European and Native ladies and gentlemen. A pavilion was erected under the skilful directions of Khan Bahadur Muncherji Cowasji Murzban, C.I.E., the Municipal Executive Engineer, opposite the Boree Bunder Station, where the statue is placed in front of the Bazaar-gate garden. The pavilion was filled to its utmost capacity, and the scene was indeed very imposing. The arrangements for the accommodation were perfect, being made by Khan Bahadur Murzban. The pavilion was made as attractive and brilliant as festoons of flowers and evergreens could make it. The honorary secretaries of the Blaney Memorial Fund Committee, who had issued invitations, were Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, Mr. Tribhowandas Vurjivandas, Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Abdulla M. Dharumsey, and Dr. B. S. Shroff. Mr. H. Acworth, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Forrest, arrived shortly after five o'clock, and were received by Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, and conducted to a slightly raised platform where beautiful cushioned-chairs were placed for their accommodation. To the right of Mr. Acworth were Mr. R. H. Vincent, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. Vurjiwandas Madhavdas, while the Hon. Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram and the Hon. Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik were seated behind him. Amongst those present were :—The Hon. Mr. L. R. W. Forrest, Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Mr. R. H. Vincent, C.I.E., Mr. S. Kebsch, Major Scott, Dr. T. S. Weir, Mr. H. W. Barrow, Mr. S. Tomlinson, Mr. D. Gostling, Professor P. Peterson, Mr. J. Bristed, Mr. W. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, Khan Bahadur Muncherjee C. Murzban, C.I.E., Dr. Cowasji Hormusjee, the Hon. Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Messrs. Abdulla M. Dharumsey, Chhabildas Lulubhoy, Vurjivandas Madhavdas, Byramjee Nusserwanjee Seervai, D. E. Wacha, K. M. Shroff, Bamanjee Pestanjee Master, K. R. Cama, Tribhowandas Vurjivandas, Khunderao Moroji, Shamrao Pandurung, Badrudin Abdulla Kur, Merwanji Furdunjee Banaji, Merwanji Rustamji Dalal, Ardeshir Cursetjee Powvalla, Byramji Dorabjee Banajee, J. E. Mody, Pundlik Ganesh, Jagmohundas Vandravandas Bhaisett, Fazalbhoy Meheralli Chinoi, Damodur Tapidas, Edulji Rustomjee Reporter, Muncherji Edulji Morris, Dr. Shantaram Vithal, Dr. F. E. Davur, Dr. N. H. Choksy, Dr. P. M. Nicholson, Mr. S. E. Gordon, Rev. C. Gilder, Mr. G. Lund, Mr. F. Nicholls, Mr. H. Holes, Mr. J. Walsh, Mr. S. W. Smith, Mr. J. Leask, Mr. Alfred King, Mr. C. James, Dr. K. N. Bahadurjee, Dr. A. D. Mody, Shams-ul-Ulma Jiwanji Jamshed Mody, Dr. Cowasji Pestonji, Dr. Gerson Da Cunha, Messrs. De Quadros, Kissendas Vullabhdas, Jugmohandass Shamaldass, Ibrahim Rahimtulla, Jehangir Hormusji Mody Babajee Kashinath, Rustomji F. Wadia, Maneckshaw Jehangirshaw Talyarkhan, Govardhandas Gokuldas Tejpal, Rao Nana Moroba, Nana Bapuji, L. W. Mandlik, Pestanji M. Kanga, Pestanji N Wadia, Edulji Dossabhoy Bharucha, Byramjee Framji Patel, Dorabjee Pallonjee Powvalla, &c., &c.

In the beginning Mr. Acworth called upon Dr Cowasjee to open the proceedings by giving a short account of the work of the "Blaney Memorial Fund Committee."

Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, who was cordially received, in opening the proceedings, said: Mr. Acworth, Ladies and Gentlemen,—As one of the honorary secretaries of the Blaney Memorial Fund, I may be permitted to give a brief history of the origin and progress

tinction. Both the *Times of India* and the *Bombay Gazette* have recently given short biographies of Dr. Blaney, and you are aware that he may be said to have passed his entire life in this country. He was, I believe, only three or four years old when he first came out in the good ship Duchess of Athol. Some sixty-eight years have passed since that time. At a very early age Dr. Blaney entered Government service in the humble position of medical apprentice. After twenty-four years' service under Government he had attained in the year 1860 to the post of Apothecary at the European General Hospital, and as such he enjoyed the magnificent salary of Rs. 100 a month. (Laughter, and hear, hear.) In that year he was invalided from Government service, and I cannot refrain from observing that during the thirty-four years which have since elapsed, he has shown, for an invalid, remarkable physical energy. (Laughter and cheers.) In 1860, he commenced his work as a private medical practitioner and, I fancy, found himself at once twenty or thirty times richer than he had been before. There is a gap of eight years between this period and the year 1868, when he was made a Justice of the Peace, and first began to take actual official interest in the affairs of the city. But it must not be supposed that these eight years were idle years. Dr. Blaney's energies as a public writer and contributor to the Press were fully developed during that period. Most of us here have forgotten, if we ever knew, that during those wild years of monetary excitement, which we generally speak of as the share mania, Dr. Blaney's voice was continually, vigorously, and most boldly uplifted against the speculation which was surging through the city. (Hear, hear.) Under the then well-known signature of "Q" he wrote, I believe, from one hundred to two hundred letters, denouncing and warning against the errors of the time. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not attribute to Dr. Blaney any wonderful superiority of commercial or financial knowledge over the business men of the time. No doubt, there were scores who were, if they had given their judgment free play, just as well able as he to admeasure circumstances and foresee results. The remarkable fact is that Dr. Blaney kept his head and they did not, and the reason why he kept his head is, I think, to be found in a characteristic singularly his own, namely, the total absence from his character of anything like monetary greed and of passions or aspirations which can only be gratified by wealth. (Cheers.) The prospect of a rapid fortune had no attraction for him and the lures, therefore, which misled almost all others were vainly dangled before his eyes. (Hear, hear.) One of the newspapers, I think, has lately observed that Dr. Blaney is still a poor man, and, I believe, this is not far from the truth, but he is poor because he has made many others rich. As fast as money has come in to him it has flowed forth through a thousand channels upon others. (Cheers.) It may, perhaps, be not known to you all that one of Dr. Blaney's rules in medical practice has been never to receive a fee from a widow. More than this there has never been a time since he began his private practice that he has not had several widows, not to mention other helpless people, on what may be called his pension list from which year after year he maintained, and has been maintaining, people who have no call on him except that they would otherwise be destitute. Now, before turning to his public life, there is one other period and incident of his private life, to which I wish to call particular attention—a comparatively recent period and incident. Some six or seven years ago, Dr. Blaney, who then lived in Byculla, had his attention drawn to the large number of European and Eurasian children of various ages who were wandering about the streets untended and uncared for, picking up bad habits and training for an evil life. With these waifs and strays of humanity he dealt in his own characteristic way. He went forth into the highways and byways and collected them. He established in his own house a school for these unfortunate children; he engaged and paid for a mistress to instruct them; and week after week and month after month he gathered them under his roof and with fatherly care and wisdom did that for them which their parents, where they had any, neglected to do. You will wonder, perhaps, how he contrived to get them there—the attraction, ladies and gentlemen, was at first of the flesh. He not only provided them with education but likewise with a good dinner every day, and, I fancy, with a great deal more fruit and sweetmeats than were altogether good for them. (Laughter.) Be that as it may, the institution, which subsequently became known as the Blaney Schools, had its origin in this manner. In order to throw his net as widely as he could Dr. Blaney used to pay these children a fee for any other children similarly situated whom they were able to bring to his school. In this way the number of his scholars gradually rose to more than seventy and for six or seven months these children were educated and were fed at Dr. Blaney's bungalow and at Dr. Blaney's sole expense in the manner which I have described. But the numbers rose to a point which made necessary an appeal for outside aid. The appeal was liberally responded to; the school was set up in another house as a separate institution and there, for some two years, it continued to exist and flourish until gradually the scholars were absorbed into other old-established institutions belonging to their several communities or denominations. It is difficult to refer to this most noble work without emotion and without feeling a wish that one could look back in one's own life to any deed of equal charity. Who can say how many young men and young women have owed, and will owe, their salvation from a life of misery and crime to the benevolent and tender solicitude of Dr. Blaney? Whatever honours may be conferred upon him from without, and however great the honour which is conferred upon him to-day, it seems to me that to his heart the prayers and the blessings of the widows and the fatherless to whom he has been a benefactor, will be, and must be, a nobler and richer reward than any other. (Cheers.) You will bear in mind, ladies and gentlemen that all this was done while Dr. Blaney was discharging the duties of Coroner, while he was filling the post of Councillor of the Corporation with an assiduity, which no other Councillor has ever surpassed, if ever equalled, and while he was also engaged in one of the largest medical practices in Bombay; and that it was a work unostentatious, unobtrusive, personal and private. I now turn for a brief moment to Dr. Blaney's public career. As I have said his Municipal life began in 1868, and I am sure that every one of my predecessors can testify as strongly as I can myself to the wonderful zeal and energy which he has devoted to it. We often find it difficult to get a quorum at the Corporation. We find it much more difficult to get a quorum at a committee, but whoever may be present or absent at the one or the other, there is one member upon whom we can always rely and that is Dr. Blaney. My predecessors have probably like myself been often constrained to differ very emphatically from Dr. Blaney's views. But I should be sorry. I should be ashamed to think that, because Dr. Blaney's ways and Dr. Blaney's ends are not always the same as mine, I am not able to discern, appreciate, and honour that which is wise and good in them, and in particular that which always distinguishes him, his vehement burning and overmastering zeal for what he believes to be the true interests of the City. The question of the water-supply of Bombay, ladies and gentlemen, is just now rather a delicate one, to me at least, considering that not a day passes during this or any other hot weather, in which the Municipal Commissioner is not held up to public contumely by every gentleman whose water-pipe or tap gets out of order. (Laughter.) I can assure them that I take their criticisms in good part, and my one anxiety is to make everyone as comfortable as possible. But I cannot on this occasion withhold a reference to the question of water-supply because Dr. Blaney's connection with it is so well-known and has been so eminently valuable to the city. The Vehar Lake was constructed before Dr. Blaney's time, but the existence of the little lake of Tulsi owes, as we know, much to his powerful advocacy. A more abiding title to fame, however, exists in the mighty water-works of Tansa, which were opened by the Viceroy two years ago. We well remember his Excellency's reference to Dr. Blaney on that occasion. The records of the Corporation will show with what resolution and what vehemence against powerful and influential opposition Dr. Blaney advocated the Tansa scheme. The Corporation have put on record their recognition of his connection with it on a tablet erected on the spot. (Cheers.) This record will be abiding, but, ladies and gentlemen, it is not unlikely that another incident of Dr. Blaney's life, indirectly connected with the Tansa scheme, may be ere long forgotton, and that is the part he took when the great question of water-works extension was before the city some eighteen years ago in saving us from the risk of not owning our own sources of supply. A powerful syndicate was formed in 1876 for acquiring the water interests of the city—it was very influentially supported in Bombay and the project had a degree of plausibility about it which rendered its acceptance by the Corporation as an exceedingly probable contingency. The *Times of India* has recently described how Dr. Blaney worked against it and worked against it with success. That he did so is a circumstance we ought all to be grateful for; for otherwise it is probable that we might have been saddled for ever not only with the cost and the upkeep of our water-works, but with the obligation of paying dividends to a private company in addition. I look upon Dr. Blaney's action in this matter as one of his most unquestionable titles to the gratitude of the city. (Hear, hear.) Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have already detained you too long, and yet I have made no reference to Dr. Blaney's double presidency of the Corporation, long and gratuitous work on the Town Council, to his catholicity of interest in a hundred great Municipal works, or to his long service as Coroner, an office which he has but recently relinquished. We remember the appreciative terms in which Government thanked him for his services when he resigned the post. All Bombay knows him as the jurywala doctor. (Laughter and cheers.) His work as Coroner and his work as a medical practitoner are, I think, what has chiefly endeared him and made him familiar to the mass of the population of the city. His devotion to his public duties as Coroner, the anxious desire which he has always shewn to meet the prejudices and consult the convenience of households in which death had occurred and on which the disabilities attendant on death have weighed, gave him a signal and a very well deserved popularity as Coroner, and we remember how, when it was proposed to abolish the office of Coroner in this city, a memorial against the proposal was prepared and how numerously it was signed. We, ladies and gentlemen, probably many of us, know Dr. Blaney better as a Councillor of the Corporation than in any other capacity. But it has been his wonderful kindness and benevolence as a medical man, together, perhaps, with these features which distinguished him as Coroner by which he is best known to the people, and in particular to the women and children of Bombay. I am glad to say that the remark made in the *Times of India*, on the 24th ultimo, that Dr. Blaney had received no decoration is no longer true, and it is a happy coincidence that the token of her Majesty's appreciation of his services should be so swiftly followed by the ceremony we are discharging now, which is a token of the appreciation in which his fellow-citizens hold him. (Cheers.) Long may he remain among us to view his statue gazing over these roaring thoroughfares upon the great pile of the civic building opposite; long in that building may he continue with flashing eye and waving arm to roll the thunders of his eloquence over the Corporation. Aye, and if need be, to battle with me and my successors. (Cheers.) It is in the whirlpool of clashing differences and surging opinions that the golden goblet of truth is found. Dr. Blaney and I have often crossed swords in the Corporation. His sword is a sharp one, but I have never found any poison on the blade—(hear, hear)—and it is a true source of gratification to me that it should have fallen to my lot to unveil a statue which adds so much to our very small store of statuary wealth and beauty, and which is raised to so old and so illustrious a citizen. (Cheers.) By that citizen eminent faculties, great virtues, and long years have been devoted to the service of Bombay, and many years of similar service remain, I hope, still to be given. But for many and many a generation after Dr. Blaney and you, ladies and gentlemen, and I have been compounded with the dust whereto we are kin, may this monument look forth over the city he has loved so well, and recall to those who shall come after us a name which they will do well to honour as we do, and inspire them with an ambition to emulate his charity, his zeal, and if they can, his unselfishness, his benevolence, and his ability.

Mr. Acworth then unveiled the statue amidst the loud cheers of the assembly, by pulling a string which removed the screen, and revealed the statue to view.

THE STATUE.

It would be interesting to reproduce here the description of the statue, which had been published in our columns on the 7th ultimo:—

The Corporation were, some time ago, asked to sanction the erection of the statue on a site forming part of the enclosure of the New Municipal Offices, but the sanction was withheld until after the arrival of the statue; and a committee, consisting of Dr. Banks, the Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta, Messrs. G. W. Roughton, S. Rebsch, and others was appointed to report on the question. The statue arrived, a few days ago, from Italy by the steam-ship Singapore; and on the afternoon of the 25th ultimo the committee met at the Victoria Dock, where they were enabled to judge of the character of the design and the artistic workmanship of the statue, which appeared to be of an order of merit, entitled to be placed in a prominent position. The statue has been turned out of the best Carrara marble, and stands fully eight feet high, its dove-coloured pedestal being five feet high. With a two-feet basement of Bombay blue stone, the whole structure will be fifteen feet high, costing in all about Rs. 15,000, and giving to Bombay, a true presentment in marble of the figure of one of its most useful citizens. Its execution was entrusted to Signor Vella, a celebrated sculptor of Genoa, through Messrs. Warden and Co., of Bombay. Mr. Sorabjee E. Warden, a partner in the firm, at first sent a photograph of Dr. Blaney to the artist, who prepared a model of the statue, which met the approval of the committee. In the course of his recent visit to Europe, Dr. Blaney, at the request of the memorial committee, consented to call upon the artist, and give him sittings. He was accompanied to Italy by Mr. Sorabjee E. Warden who communicated to the artist the wishes of the memorial committee. The result is that the artist has been enabled to execute a statue of the doctor which is true to the life, a remarkable study in proportion and pose. Dr. Blaney appears in a frock-coat, with his right hand resting on his breast, signifying that he has always the interest of the city at heart. The details of the dress have been exquisitely worked out by Signor Bozzoni and Signor Carle Vincy of Carrara. It was at one time intended to place the statue on the foot-path to the south of the Municipal building, facing the Victoria Terminus; but the memorial committee preferred to place it in front of the Bazar-gate garden on the site of the five-lights lamp-post, and offerred to put up four lights on ornamental railings at each corner of the statue enclosure. Owing to the recent introduction of import duties, the memorial committee had to pay about Rs. 700 as customs duty on the statue; Rs. 15,000 have to be paid to Messrs. Warden and Co.; a sum of about Rs, 1,000 have been placed in trust for repairs to the statue in future; and the cost of the ornamental railings, lamps, &c, will well nigh exhaust the total public subscription, *viz.*, Rs. 22,000.

The idea of perpetuating the memory of the services of Dr. Blaney to the city, by erecting a marble statue of him in his life-time, originated, it is believed, with Mr. Varjivundas Madhavdas, Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Bart., Mr. Tribhovandas Varjivandas, and other native friends of the doctor. A preliminary meeting for the purpose was held at the residence of Mr. Varjivundas Madhavdas, at which a provisional committee was appointed for calling a public meeting. The latter was held at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute, on the 2nd July, 1892, under the presidency of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart. In opening the proceedings Sir Jamsetjee said that Dr. Thomas Blaney had ceaselessly devoted himself to the service of the public in various capacities; in consequence of which he had earned the gratitude and approbation of his fellow-citizens, as evidenced in the demonstrations of enthusiasm exhibited in the hall by those who had come there. Foremost among the many endearing and engaging qualities the good doctor possessed were his ability and remarkable versatility. Bombay was indebted to him for the conspicuous part he took in the formation and completion of its water-supply schemes, its improved system of drainage, and the material benefit it derived by his mastery of matters connected with the health and sanitation of this populous city. The high and coveted distinction either of a statue or a bust, conferred on such an esteemed man, would conduce to stimulate the younger generation of the city to emulate, by exerting their best endeavours, the example set them by Dr. Blaney. On the motion of Mr. N. G. Chandawarkar, it was resolved that "this meeting desires to give public expression to its high appreciation of the long and valuable services rendered to the City of Bombay by Dr. Thomas Blaney." A representative committee consisting of over a hundred persons, was appointed to carry out the object of the meeting, with Messrs. Tribhowandas Varjivandas, A. M. Dharumsi, and Drs. Bhalchandra Krishna, Cowasjee Hormusjee, and B. S. Shroff, as honorary secretaries, to the memorial fund, to which about Rs. 8,000 were subscribed on the spot, and which now amounts to Rs. 22,000.

Mr. J. E. Mody, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Acworth, observed that they were thankful to the Commissioner not only for his kindly consenting to unveil the statue, but also for the very eloquent address in which he had eulogised the yeoman services of Dr. Blaney to the Municipality of Bombay, for more than a quarter of a century. It was but, therefore, fit that the Municipal Commissioner should preside at a public function of the recognition of the services of the worthy citizen.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla then proposed a vote of thanks to the committee of the Blaney Memorial Fund and the honorary secretaries of the committee who had carried out the wishes of the subscribers of that fund in a manner which spoke a great deal in their favour. The assiduous and energetic way in which they did their work deserved their thanks. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Khan Bahadur Muncherji Murzban for his disinterested zeal and labour to promptly erect the statue on the site.

The proposition being carried by acclamation, Dr. Cowasji, in replying on behalf of the committee and the secreteries observed that what they had done was only a labour of love.

The chairman, in acknowledging the vote of thanks accorded to him, said that, as observed by Dr. Cowasji, it was a labour of love to him also in presiding on that interesting occasion.

A grand-daughter of the Khan Bahadur then stepped up the platform, and presented a superb bouquet to Mr. Acworth and garlanded Mrs. Forrest The assembly then dispered.

A GAZIPUR DACOITY.

At the Allahabad High Court, before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Banerji, the last appeal in connection with the cow-killing riots in the Gazipur district last year came before the High Court on Wednesday. Mr. Strachey, barrister-at-law, Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Alston, barrister-at-law, for the appellants, eight in number. After hearing counsel their lordships passed the following order:—

Ram Khilawan, Udrau, Ram Daur Rai, Sitht Rai, Mahabir Rai, Chamru Rai, Jagmohan Das, and Sheobaran were convicted of offences under sections 146, 325, and 395 of the Indian Penal Code. They received each one lump sentence of three year's rigorous imprisonment. The offences were committed on the 19th of July, 1893, at Nehia Tal. One Azimulla, a Mahomedan, was sending four cows and a calf to Pahitia in charge of two ahirs and a chamar who were tenants of his, and also under the direction of one Rahmat Ulla, who was going to Pehitia. When the party with the cows reached Nehia Tal, which was dry, an armed crowd of some three hundred or four hundred Hindus crying out "Gau goha," seized the cows and took them away. The cows were subsequently recovered by the police on the 21st of August. Some members of the crowd attacked Rahmat Ulla, and one of his arms was broken, and he fell on the ground. One or two persons in the crowd who were near him protected him from further injury, and he seems to have been helped for some distance on his way home by members of the crowd. The crowd was an armed crowd, and it had assembled with the object of taking by force and carrying away cattle in charge of Azimulla's men. There is no doubt that the crowd effected that object and that any resistence to the crowd would have been useless. These men have been convicted by the Sessions Judge, agreeing with the Assessors, on practically the evidence of three witnesses, one or more of whom speak to these men. The witnesses, to whom we refer are Setal Parsad, Thakur, and Raghbir. There was another witness who appears to us to have been of the same class as the three men we have just mentioned, and that was Ramdin. We see no reason to doubt the evidence of any of these four witnesses. The men who have been convicted are proved by the evidence of one or more of these witnesses to have been members of that crowd. The crowd was there to commit dacoity, and that being the object of the crowd and that object having been carried out, each man belonging to that crowd was liable to be convicted of dacoity. In our opinion the conviction was right. The only question is as to the punishment. There is no doubt that dacoity is a serious offence, but in this case it appears to us that with the exception of the action of one or two men in the crowd in attacking Rahmat Ulla, the crowd, although making a show of criminal violence, did not proceed to the perpetration of any actual and specific act of violence, and we also bear in mind that the persons who protected Rahmat Ulla when he was attacked were not the persons who were with him looking after the cows, but some members of the mob. These men were convicted by the Sessions Judge on 5th December, 1893, and the sentences passed on them would consequently run from that date. They had been three or four months in custody before trial, and we think that we can deal with some leniency with this case. We alter the sentences in each case from one of three years' rigorous imprisonment to one of two years' rigorous imprisonment to date from the conviction in the Sessions Court.

THE FEROZEPUR ARSENAL SCANDAL.

The following are the details of the Ferozepore Arsenal Scandal. On the 7th December, 1892, one Parsa, Kabari, of Ferozepore, who was in custody on a charge of receiving stolen property, informed the deputy inspector of police that a large number of stolen arms were hid in his shop in Suji Bazar, Ferozepore. Parsa took the police to the shop of which he was co-owner, with two other men, Parshadi and Hazari, and pointed out a false wall in the inner room. The wall was broken down and no less than 86 Government rifle barrels and 107 actions were discovered. Parsa then further showed the police 53 barrels wrapped up in cloth and concealed in a thermantidote in the compound. These barrels were proved to have been condemned arms brought into Ferozepore Arsenal to be destroyed. The story of the kabaris was that some five or six years before the discovery three of the European conductors at Ferozepore Arsenal commenced a regular traffic with them in old rifle barrels, locks and actions, using their subordinates as go-between. The arms used to be smuggled out of the arsenal in tiffin baskets. The arms were subsequently sold in small quantities to Pathans. This story was subsequently corroborated by native subordinates employed in the arsenal, one Ghasi, a "browner" especially giving very clear and detailed evidence. This man stated that some five or six years before the inquiry a conductor asked him to look out for people who would buy barrels and locks. Ghasi had repaired some locks for the accused some days before, and so he asked them if they would buy barrels from the arsenal. They said they would take as many as they could get. He informed the conductor and took him to the kabaris in the bazar, with a box containing 20 locks complete, which were sold to Hazari and Parshadi for Rs. 23 and some odd annas. Two or three days afterwards the conductor told him to send the kabaris "to take away the barrels." The kabaris came, and a regular traffic ensued, in which two other conductors were also concerned. The shopmen used apparently to pay Rs. 100 per dozen for barrels, Rs. 50 for martini locks, and Rs. 20 for Snider locks. The arms were afterwards sold to Pathans at an enormous profit. In consequence of this evidence Hazari and Parsa were charged before the Sessions Judge of Ferozepore under Section 413, Indian Penal Code, with habitually dealing in rifle barrels, actions and locks, being Government property, knowing the same to be stolen. Mr. Bird found the accused guilty and sentenced them to 10 years' penal servitude. The kabaris appealed to the Chief Court, and the sentence was reduced by five years, the Chief Court Judges remarking that great as the offence of the accused was, that of the dishonest subordinates of the arsenal, who tempted them to the crime, was far greater. Acting under the advice of the Government Advocate, the Government took no steps against the conductors till the trial and appeal of the kabaris had been disposed of.

THE SANCTITY OF THE GANGES.

With regard to the prophecy of the fate of Hardwar which we referred to yesterday, it may be pointed out that according to Hindu sacred writings the special sanctity of the Ganges comes to an end in 1895, after which the Nerbudda will become the chief sacred river of India, and will so continue for ever. In 1835 the people near Jubbulpore assured Sir William Sleeman that the waters of the latter stream were already so much more sacred than of the Ganges, that to see them is sufficient to cleanse men from their sins, whereas the Ganges must be touched before it can have that effect. We are now on the eve of the completion of the period of the Ganges' sanctity, but so far as we can see and from all we can gather of the religious feelings of the people, there is no diminution among Hindus of reverence for the river which has claimed their special veneration for so many centuries. Nor is it easy to believe that the enormous interests bound up with the shrines and sacred cities on its banks can be lightly disposed of, and that the priests and people concerned in their reputation will suffer, much less aid in divesting these holy places of their immemorial sanctity, and the diversion of their worshippers to a distant region and a rival river. At the same time we are so ignorant of the religious feelings and the religious movements that sway the people, that we cannot be certain that the knowledge of this event is not widely spread even among the most ignorant classes, and that the change is not accepted and prepared for. It may easily prove that the mysterious marks on the mango trees which have been puzzling us here and agitating some of our friends at Home, are in reality only a signal or warning that the day is at hand when the sanctity of the great river which sweeps through Behar will pass away for ever. If the prophecy which we quoted yesterday of the impending destruction of Hardwar should be realized owing to the agency of the Gohna lanpslip, it may result—taken in conjunction with the undoubted declaration of the sacred books regarding the Ganges—in bringing about a change in the religious habits of the people which would have the most far-reaching consequences.—"*Civil and Military Gazette.*"

Sir Charles Warren will shortly arrive home from Singapore, on the expiration of his five years' command. It is said that his period of office has been a most beneficial one for the Straits Settlement.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The disaffection and sense of general insecurity in Burma, referred to some days ago, is reported to be spreading from Rangoon to the districts. A Rangoon correspondent declares that confidence can be restored only by the conversion of the Chief Commissionership into a Lieutenant-Governorship, as the charge is too great for a Chief Commissioner to control.

Captain E. Coryton Graham, 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment, arrived at Ootacamund, on Friday, the 25th ultimo, and assumed charge of his appointment as officiating Deputy Quartermaster General, Madras Army. There is every probability of this officer being appointed to the Head-quarters Staff of the Southern Army Corps, as an Assistant Adjutant-General, on the introduction of the Army Reorganisation scheme, the date of which has not yet been definitely fixed.

The sixteen Battery elephants have done very well at Mooltan, in spite of the heat, since their arrival some two years ago, and the move, which was regarded at the time as a risky experiment, has been successful enough to warrant its repetition. Care is taken to protect the animals from the sun, and they are worked lightly in the hot weather, so there have not been any casualties. Sugar-cane, their staple food, being not a prominent crop in that district, was short at times, but the elephants are all in fair condition.

A general court martial will shortly assemble, at Lucknow, for the trial of Private Dunne (Royal Irish Regiment), who, when acting as regimental storekeeper, shot Private Lacey of the same corps in connection with a dispute about a blanket, claimed by the latter. Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Little, 1st East Lancashire Regiment, will be president of the Court, assisted by two Majors, four Captains, and two Lieutenants.

A district court-martial assembled, at Lucknow, on the 23rd May, for the trial of Private Brichall, of the East Lancashire Regiment, on various charges of offering violence to his superior officer. He was found guilty, and sentenced to fifty-six days' hard labour. On the 21st, there was a district court-martial, at Sitapur, for the trial of Private G. Purdy, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, for striking his superior officer. On being found guilty, he was sentenced to one hundred and twelve days' hard labour. Finally, at a district court-martial, held at Cawnpore, on the 21st ultimo, Gunner C. West was convicted of (1) striking his superior officer, and (2) escaping from his escort. He got fifty-six days' hard labour.

The heat in Lucknow, and throughout Oudh, is described as quite without any precedent during recent years. From very early morning the hot winds commence and continue without a full until close on ten at night, when there is a moderately cool atmosphere until a little after day light. The general health, however, is said to be very fair, although a good deal of influenza, colds, and whooping cough are about, both in the town and district.

The chief topic of the week (ending May 16) in Hongkong was the outbreak among the Chinese of a disease which is called the 'Black Plague.' The sanitary department have been taking vigorous measures to stamp it out, but it still continues to spread. A great many deaths from it have occurred from Canton, at which place it had prevailed for some time previous to its appearance in Hongkong. Dr. Rennie, of Canton, in a letter to the Hongkong Sanitary Board, describes the disease as similar to that known as the Great Plague of London of 1665. The symptoms are—with or without premonitory warnings in the shape of malaise or chill, there is a sudden onset of fever rising to 105° or over. There is much headache and cerebral disturbance, accompanied by stupor. In from twelve to twenty-four hours a glandular swelling occurs in the neck, armpit or groin, rapidly enlarging to the size of a fowl's egg; it is hard and exquisitely tender. With or without a decline of the fever the patient sinks deeper into a condition of coma and dies usually at the end of forty-eight hours or sooner. If six days are reached recovery is hopeful. The glandular swelling shows no signs of suppuration. In some cases epistaxis or vomiting of blood occurs; petechiœ appear in a few cases, but no regular eruption.

Dr. G. E. Morrison, the Australian explorer whose arrival at Nampourg, our frontier station on the Bhamo-Chinese border, was recently announced, is evidently a born rover. Though he is but thirty-two years of age, we believe, he has managed to achieve a lifetime's allowance of strange adventure already, and to combine this with the study of a scientific profession in the intervals of his wanderings. In 1882-83 he traversed on foot, as a common "swagsman," the entire continent of Australia from the Gulf of Carpentaria to Melbourne. This walk of 2,000 miles he performed in 120 days, entirely alone and unarmed, and it was spoken of not extravagantly by the *Times* as "one of the most remarkable of pedestrian achievements." After this Dr. Morrison was sent by the Melbourne *Age* as special correspondent to New Guinea—an expedition which ended disastrously; for in October, 1883, he was speared and left for dead by the natives at the foot of Mount Owen Stanley, inland from Port Moresby. For many months Dr. Morrison carried the point of a wooden spear in his body until it was cut out by John Chiene, the Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, to which seat of learning Dr. Morrison had gone to complete his medical studies. Graduating in Edinburgh in 1887 Dr. Morrison went next across the Atlantic as an emigrant on an emigrant steamer to Philadelphia, and travelled in the States, and West Indies. On his return to Scotland he received an appointment in the great Rio Tinto mine in Spain, of whose elaborate medical establishment he was for nearly two years the Senior Medical Officer. Having travelled widely through Spain he went to Morocco, and was sometime medical attendant to his Highness the Sherif of Wazan in the sacred city of Wazan. He then returned to his home in Australia, and was appointed Medical Superintendent of Ballarat Hospital, which position he left last year to travel in the Philipine Islands, Japan, and China. Among other items in Dr. Morrison's travelling career may be mentioned the accomplishment of the longest canoe voyage ever done in Australia, and a voyage before the mast in the capacity of able-bodied seaman on a brigantine engaged in the South Sea Island labour traffic, which he undertook in order to judge for himself of the true state of affairs in regard to the trade commonly known in Australia as "black-birding."

His latest journey from Shanghai to Bhamo is certainly not the least of the exploits of a traveller who seems literally to have expunged from his vocabulary the word impossible. The route altogether was just under 3,000 miles, of which the last 1,600, from Chungking, were made by land—and of this distance 1,050 miles were covered by Dr. Morrison entirely on foot. He attained during this land journey an average rate of thirty-one miles a day, counting marching days only, or throwing in halts an average of twenty-five miles a day. One may thus arrive at some ideas of his powers as a pedestrian. Dr. Morrison made the journey quite unarmed, and even without such impediments as a watch, compass, or field-glass. Knowing no Chinese himself, and having no servant or interpreter through whom he could communicate, he had to throw himself entirely on the goodwill of the people. It seems very remarkable, and a sign of how foreign intercourse with China must be making its way, that under these circumstances he was able to accomplish the journey with no other difficulty but the physical labour of the march. The Chinese appear to have appreciated the confidence with which this solitary, unarmed traveller trusted himself amongst them. He was treated with courtesy by the officials everywhere, and expresses himself as charmed with the kindness and good nature shown towards him by the people, who flocked to see the foreigner pass. These jottings were gathered from a correspondent who was one of the first to meet Dr. Morrison on his arrival on British soil; but it is hoped that it will not be long before he himself gives the world a full history of his most remarkable and adventurous journey.

AFGHAN NEWS.

Information reaches Jellalabad from a reliable source that some two months ago, a number of influential men of Maimana sent a memorial to the Russian Governor at Panjdeh, saying that as the Amir treats them with harshness, they would unanimously help the Russians if the latter had any desire of capturing Maimana. The fact, it is said, leaked out, whereupon the Amir sent some troops from Shahburghan, Indki, and Takhtapul, who surrounded Maimana and arrested fifty-two of the ringleaders without opposition.

These fifty-two prisoners reached Kabul on the 14th May, and are awaiting trial. The rumour, that was current some days ago, of fighting between the Russians and the Amir's soldiers near Maimana, was based on the above facts.

The marriage "khatnah" of Shahzada Muhammed Umar Jan came to a close on the 15th of Zikada (the 18th May). The Khans and chief guests were given shawls and lungis, and the city was illuminated for four nights, and the guests were invited to a supper, but the Amir could not personally view the processions owing to an attack of gout. The guests have since left for their homes.—"Civil and Military Gazette."

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON SATURDAY, THE 2ND OF JUNE, 1894.

SUMMARY.

The barometric changes are irregular. There has been a brisk to rapid rise at Bangalore and Coimbatores a brisk to rapid fall at Cawnpore and Allahabad and a moderate to slight rise or fall elsewhere. Readings are lowest in the north and highest in the south. Gradients are steep. Winds are north-easterly to south-easterly at Allahabad, Calicut-Cochin and Coimbatore, and south-easterly to north, westerly in other places. The force has been moderate to strong at Deesa, Rajkot, Khandwa, Amraoti, Akola, Malegaon, Sholapur, Goa, Bellary and Negapatam. This morning the wind velocity was 30 miles an hour at Akola, 28 at Nagpur, 26 at Karachi, 24 at Rajkot, 22 at Malegaon, 20 at Khandwa and Secunderabad, and 18 at Amraoti and Sholauur. The maximum temperature is form 5° to 11° above the normal at Trichinopoly, Madras, Cuddaph, Bellary, Secunderabad, Belgaum, Sholapur. Amraoti, Nagpur, Raipur and Jubulpore, and the minimum 5° 8° in excess at Cuddapah, Secunderabad, Karwar, Nagpur, and Jubulpore. The highest temperature in the shade was 115° at Jacobabad and the lowest 68° at Bangalore and Coimbatore. Humidity changes are small, and the skies are cloudy to overcast in the Mysore, the Madras and Bombay Presidencies and at Rajkot, Veraval and Ahmedabad. Light to moderate showers have fallen at Coimbatore, Bangalore, Cochin, Calicut, Goa and Ratanagiri. Abnormals indicate that the weather to the eastwards of the Coromandel Coast in the Bay is in an unsettled condition, and rain is probably falling there. The isobars on the West Coast indicate that the weather on and off the West Coast between Veraval and Cochin is slightly unsettled and is likely to become squally and rainy. The cloud proportion is increasing in Mysore, the Madras Presidency and on the Malabar Coast, and conditions are favourable for local scattered showers. In the Bombay Presidency local scattered showers are probable.

P.S.—Colombo reports over an inch of rain (1·20,) overcast sky, a rough sea and strong south, westerly winds with velocity of 16 miles an hour. The weather in Ceylon and in the adjoining seas is very unsettled. The barometric difference between Colombo and Aden has considerably increased since yesterday, thereby indicating that a moderate to strong monsoon wind is blowing in the Arabian Sea.

H. S. STYAN,
Acting Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.
Bombay, 1st June, 1894.
Means of observations at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	29·719
Temperature of the Air	87·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	79·9
Dew Point	77·2
Relative humidity of Air	0·717
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded =10)	0·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m. next day)	93·0
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	83·6
General Directions of wind*	W. WNW. NW. WNW. W.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	239

* From midnight to midnight.

DAILY IMPORTS.—June 2.

From Liverpool.
Clan Sinclair s—12 cases chemicals other sorts, Panday and Co; 50 crates empty sodawater bottles, E. Mahomedally and Co; 50 crates empty sodawater bottles, Maneckjee Poonjajee and Sons.
From Glasgow.
Clan Alpine s—20 cases ale, The Bombay Co.
Australia s—100 cases whisky, Edulji Bezonjee.
From London.
Peninsular s—14 cases printing papers and ink, G Claridge and Co; 3 cases medicine and 106 cases medicine, &c. Tyser and Co.
Chyebassa s—60 drums terpentine, S Noorbhoy; 7 cases medicine, M Amersey and Co; 6 cases medicine, K Nuthoo and Co; 18 cases medicine, P Jugjiwan; 67 cases provision, M Kooka and Co; 100 drums turpentine, Hormusjee Ruttonjee and Co.
From Antwerp.
Bhopal s—62 bales straw boards, L A S Dawood: 279 case window glass, Tyebjee Ebrajee.
Benares s—12 cases playing cards, N H Cassam.
Draehenfels s—3 casks glassware, S Abdoolally: 27 cases glassware, Ebram Nanjee: 125 cases candles, E Allybhoy.
From Bremen.
Bhopal s—70 cases beer, Glade and Co.
From Bordeaux.
Aston Halli s—50 cases brandy, Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy.
From Trieste.
Imperator s—6 cases glass-boards, A H Kurrimbhoy: 6 cases medicine, C Tingcombe and Co; 33 bales papers, H Robitsek and Co.
From Hamburg.
Bhopal s—70 cases beer, Dhunjeebhoy Cowasjee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—June 2.

For Liverpool.
City of Dublin s—3,624 cwts myrabollams, Ebjee Oomersey.
Asia s—179 cwts turmeric, D Maneckjee and Co: 1,000 cwts wheat, Ralli Brothers: 31 bales hemp and 37 bales coir yarn, K Khooshall, 155 cwts coir yarn, L Maneckchand: 100 cwts coiriyarn, T Lowjee.
Iran s—100 cwts coir yarn, T Lowjee: 12,000 cwts wheat, Ralli Bros.
For Glasgow.
Asia s—1,000 cwts bone meal, Mooljee Jamal.
For London.
Peninsular s—10 casks chutney, M P Batha and Co: 726 cwts fishmaws, P Dhanjee: 32 cwts ramputree, Esmail Peerbhoy: 25 cwts gum, M Jaffer: 4,002 cwts linseed, Finlay Muir and Co; 57½ cwts black pepper, P Govindjee.
For Hull.
Etolia s—1,00 cwts myrabollams, Volkart Brothers; 22,800 cwts linseed and 1,000 cwts wheat, Sanday and Co
Mikado s—205 cwts myrabollams, Ebjee Oomersee.
For Hamburg.
Starlight s—3,006 cwts myrabollams, Toerpen and Co; 990 bales cotton, 2,009 cwts linseed and 2,009 cwts rapeseed, Ralli Brothers: 403 cwts linseed, E D Sassoon and Co: 475 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers: 320 bales cotton, Gaddum, Bythell and Co: 110 bales cotton, Glade and Co.
For Marseilles.
St. Regulus s—3960 cwts groundnuts, John Fachiri.
Asia s.—6500 cwts groundnuts, Ralli Brothers;
For Genoa.
Iran s—4,000 cwts gingelly seed and 600 cwts groundnuts, Ralli Brothers; 600 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.
Stura s—300 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co: 35 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.
St Regulus s—100 bales cotton, Thos H Moore and Co; 300 bales cotton, F Sauquet and Co; 4,000 cwts linseed, Killick, Nixon and Co.
For Antwerp.
Kt Commander s—110 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co: 1505 cwt rapeseed and 3660 cwts castorseed, Ralli Brothers.
For Dunkirk.
St Enoch s—2000 cwts rape

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SILVER QUESTION.

THE following is the text of a letter forwarded by Mr. Henry W. Cannon, the president of the Chase National Bank, in New York, in reply to an invitation to attend the recent International Bimetallic Conference in London. Mr. Cannon, it may be mentioned, was one of the American delegates to the Brussels Conference. The letter is interesting as an expression of New York financial opinion on the question :—

"I regret that business engagements will prevent my accepting the kind invitation of your council to participate in the demonstration and conference on international bimetallism to be held at the Mansion House, London, on May 2. The proceedings of your meeting will excite great interest throughout the civilised world. It is, I believe, now generally conceded that the responsibility for the solution of the silver problem rests upon the people of Great Britain, and the other nations look to your Government to settle the status of silver as a money metal and to decide whether or not the mints of the various nations shall again be opened to its coinage, or whether the demonetisation of the white metal shall be complete and continuous. International conferences and monetary commissions, composed of the most learned and distinguished men in monetary science throughout the world, have met during the last few years and discussed the statistics of trade and of the precious metals. Unquestionably the intelligent and exhaustive inquiries which have been made by the various conferences and commissions have been of great service in increasing the knowledge of the people of the world as to the uses of metallic money and as to the relation of gold to silver. Unfortunately, however, no practical result so far as the use of gold and silver as money upon a common international basis has been reached, and the determination of Great Britain to continue a gold monometallic nation has done much to discourage those who believe that it is for the best interests of mankind to use both gold and silver as full legal tender money at a common ratio, and the United States has been compelled to close its mints to the coinage of silver and to adopt gold monometallism. It has been charged by the opponents of international bimetallism that the United States is particularly interested in the silver question because it is a large producer of silver and wishes to provide a market for that product. It is true that the mines of the United States are capable of producing annually from fifty to sixty million ounces of silver, but silver mining with us is purely a private enterprise, in which the Government has no pecuniary interest, and has been carried on as an important industry in only six of the forty-four States comprising the Union, and in three territories. Taken as an industry, it is insignificant when compared with the other products of our great country. Our enormous agricultural, manfacturing, and commercial interests employ the great majority of our people, and they need an annually increasing amount of money to properly transact their business and conduct their enterprises. In this country the sentiment is almost universal that both gold and silver should be used as legal tender money if a common ratio can be established by international agreement between the principal nations of the world. From our standpoint the interest of Great Britain in the re-establishment of a ratio between gold and silver is identical with that of the United States, only greater in degree, for if gold is to be the sole money of the civilised world, and if silver is to be abandoned as a money metal, what will be the value of the immense stock in India and the East, and silver coins now in circulation and held by the great banks of Europe as basis of the redemption of outstanding notes?

How can a stable rate of exchange be fixed and maintained between gold and silver under existing conditions? It would seem that the citizens of Great Britain have a greater and more vital interest in the stability of such exchange than any other nation in the world by reason of her complex and extended commercial relations. If the Government of Great Britain is willing to suggest a practical plan looking to the use of both gold and silver as money on some ratio to be fixed by international agreement, the Government of the United States will co-operate and assist in every possible way in carrying out such a plan, and the result will undoubtedly be of incalculable benefit to mankind."

The following letter, from the "Times" commercial article of May 17, refers to the reduced demand for remittances to England :—

SIR,—I would like to draw attention to the falling off in the amount of rupee paper held in London since the beginning of the year. According to Messrs. R. W. Carter and Co's circulars, it has fallen from 2,511 lacs on Jan. 1 to 2,390 lacs on the 1st inst. a diminution of 121 lacs. Compared with the amount outstanding when the mints were closed the diminution is very much larger. As the transfer of rupee paper from London to India affords a means of remittance to India in competition with Council bills the low price which is being obtained for the latter must be partly due to this cause. It will be remembered how, in the end of June last year, the price of Council bills was unduly forced up by the speculative movement of rupee paper in the opposite direction. I cannot help fearing—though I am told on high authority my fears are groundless—that this may indicate a desire on the part of European investors to put their capital out of the reach of rupee fluctuations and a growing distrust in the future of Indian money; and, possibly, a similar process may be going on in a less visible form, but perhaps to a greater extent, by the increased remittance of savings to England, and by the exchange banks and others reducing, as far as they can, their holdings in the uncertain currency. Can it be wondered at if the public have little confidence in the future of Indian money when the Government itself has not announced any definite policy regarding it, but is apparently trusting to the chapter of accidents to determine what shall be the future monetary standard of our great Indian Empire? Yours obediently,

L. C. PROBYN.

AN ESCAPEE'S ROMANTIC STORY.

THE St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph tells a story of thrilling dramatic interest, which, he says, has just come from Siberia. Thirty-eight years ago, in a little Russian village, a peasant laid, after having taken more vodka than was good for him at a wedding, entered the church. Having prayed at the images for a while he thoughtlessly put the waxcandles in his pocket, and left. He was arrested shortly after leaving the church, and condemned to penal servitude in the mines of Siberia. His parents pleaded for mercy but in vain, and the lad, who was only eighteen at the time, was sent to Siberia with a gang of criminals from all parts of the country. After a march of several months Rykoff made a dash for liberty. During the first week of his escape he nearly perished of hunger. After many ups and downs, he obtained work from a farmer, saved a little money, and finally settled at Tomsk, with a passport which belonged to a deceased workman, whose name he assumed. After this he lived the life of a good citizen, and married into a respectable family. His sons and daughters grew up and married in time, and quite recently at a little festive gathering of his relations, at which the anniversary of his wedding day was being celebrated Rykoff narrated the story of his life to his wife and children. The story moved his hearers to tears. It was meant only for his near relations, and no strangers were present. Early one morning a few days later, however, a gendarme entered Rykoff's bedroom and arrested him on a charge of running away from the mines of Siberia, conveyed him to prison. By the advice of his lawyer the old man drew up and sent to the authorities a petition suing for pardon, on the ground of the long lapse of years since his escape, his blameless life in the meantime, and the various amnesties proclaimed by the Czar in favour of convicts. The petition produced an impression on the officials, and Rykoff was set at liberty. On further consideration, however, it was decided to bring him to trial. In court he related the story of his life fully and frankly, throwing himself on the mercy of his judges. Justice, however, was inexorable, and Rykoff was condemned to be sent back to the mines of Siberia, and kept in penal servitude. Before leaving the prison where he is now confined he is to receive a severe flogging.

THE *North China Mail*, of May 16, says :—There has been very little news of interest during the week, except what concerns the outbreak of what is called 'the Black Plague,' a disease which after causing a great mortality in Canton, has now broken out in Hongkong.—Some interesting particulars concerning the assassination of a Corean political refugee at Shanghai have been gleaned from state documents recently published. It appears that, early in the spring of 1892 the ringleader of a gang of hired assassins went to Japan with the intention of securing the persons of Boku Eko, Kim-ok-Kiun, and four other refugees, and of shipping them home to Corea either alive or dead. From the moment of his arrival in Japan, he endeavoured by various means to ingratiate himself with the intended victims of his plot, especially Kim and Boku. While watching for an opportunity to carry out his scheme, he obtained two accomplices in November, 1893. To them he pretended that he had obtained the Corean King's authorisation, through Ming Eisho, Minister of War. Thenceforth these two men continued actually in the pay of Li Issboku. It was Li's original intention to bring Kim and Boku together, and seize them simultaneously. But the two refugees, not being on good terms with each other, seldom met, and consequently Li determined to induce Kim to pay a visit to China where he might be secured or despatched with greater ease.

THE MANGO TREE MYSTERY.

FURTHER OPINIONS.

THE *Spectator*, discussing the alarm it created by its recent article, notes that "the view of the present situation in India which we felt it our duty to publish last week has been received for the most part, as we hoped it would be, as a warning of a possible, though not certain, danger to the Empire of the gravest kind. Here and there a writer has raised the cry of 'newspaper sensation', which in the mouth of the ignorant is natural and perhaps justifiable; but the experienced who have discussed the paper have usually done so under a sense of responsibility." It concludes thus : "The present danger, as we believe it to be, or 'scare,' as opponents quite as competent as ourselves are inclined to suppose it may pass away and be forgotten; but some day, we may rely on it, the word will go round again throughout India, and the 'Empire' be again restricted to the range of its artillery. No precaution we can take, no line of action we can follow, will make the smallest difference, for the conflict is between two radically different civilizations, and Asia will wait to haul down our flag as she waited to haul down the eagles of Rome. . The 10th of May is passed in safety, but the fatal Ides will nevertheless arrive."

"THE CROWN FOR ERRONEOUS OMNISCIENCE."

The *Saturday Review* deems the authors of the alarmist cry "at best entitled to something like the crown for erroneous omniscience which was earned by Thackeray's Jesuit Father. For the untoward event among the 17th Bengal Infantry at Agra did not occur on the day predestined, but two or three days earlier; and it would be difficult, if not impossible, in any way to connect it with the alleged tree-smearings in Behar." It nevertheless perceives the dangers of the situation, and it points out that "if that mutiny—which, as we have said, every one who cared to know has long ago known to be always with us as a possibility—should at any time turn out to be a fact, its blood will, if not wholly, yet in great part, be on their heads. If therefore, the British public is really stirred by a cry, whether ignorant or speculative, of 'Wolf' let it take the best means of keeping that wolf from the door. And of such best means there are two only—to hold the sword always sharp and ready, the loins always girt, the lamp always lit in India; and to set the face as flint against faddists in England."

"SENSATION HAS DONE LITTLE HARM."

The *National Observer* thinks "the sensation has done little harm, if it has reminded the public of certain facts as to the present situation in India, which are grave enough. There are symptoms more serious than the mud-plastering of mango-trees, and they have not been disregarded by those who have been following the progress of events in our great Eastern dependency with intelligent interest. In point of fact, what the engineers of the scare did, rather cleverly, was to put together, in one very vociferous and emphatic article, the various points which have been less clamorously commented on by well-informed publicists at odd times during the past year or two, and by the Indian Government itself in official statements. And the sum of these is that all is not well with the native population of the "Kaisar-i-Hind's dominious."

VERY PERCEPTIBLE SYMBOLS OF DISCONTENT."

The *Speaker* remarks : "We decline for the present to treat the tree-smearing as if it were the writing on the wall in Belshazzar's palace; we think that the *facts and their import have been* perverted and exaggerated; and we are certain that for Englishmen dealing with Indian affairs the scared, panic-stricken attitude is dangerously undignified. On the other hand, though we do not believe in mystic signals and thickening plots, we are by no means disposed to take an optimistic view of the situation in India. There is no need in prophecy to discern some very perceptible symptoms of discontent; and the native Press, open-mouthed, voluble, and hard-hitting, has at any rate not joined the conspiracy of silence."

THE POSITION IN INDIA.

In response to a special cable of inquiry, the Secretary for India has received a telegram in reply from the Viceroy to the effect that the insubordination in the 17th Bengal Infantry at Agra, referred to in Parliament on Thursday, was confined to two companies, was not of a serious nature, and was not accompanied by violence. The cause of the disturbance was entirely unconnected with caste or religious feeling. The Calcutta correspondent of the *Times* telegraphed on May 11 : "Further heavy taxation now seems inevitable, and is being awaited with the greatest anxiety in view of he prevailing disquietude amongst the natives."

The *Times* in its article on Indian Affairs, says :—The control of India by public outcries in England has taken a new departure. A fortnight ago we pointed out the danger of trying to manage India by Commissions or special inquiries sent out from home. The unexpected development which this tendency received last week had not even the simulated air of sanity which a public Commission can give to any folly of the hour. It took the cruder form of an attempt at government by scare. The not uncommon and harmless religious practice of marking trees in India was magnified into a political portent; and a leading weekly journal gravely instructed the Indian Government and the British public as to the military aspects of the situation. The bedaubed mango stems in Behar have made a deeper impression on the average British newsreader than the recent sacrifice of Indian interests to Manchester clamour, against which all India is indignantly protesting.

The excitement which the occurrence has created in England is not altogether the result of the causes, true or false, assigned for it in the Indian Press. It arises in some measure from the fact that large sections of the British people are convinced that our own action has of late been sufficient to give rise to uneasiness, if not to actual danger, in India. We have harried the Indian Government, and alarmed the Indian races, by all the novel apparatus of Commissions and special inquiries, granted to conciliate Parliamentary groups of votes, but, with a single exception, entirely paid for by the Indian Exchequer. There is not an Englishman in India, and scarcely an Englishman who cares, anything about the matter at home, who does not feel that we have of late been acting wrongly by the Indian peoples. Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all, and any unusual occurrence in India is magnified into a portent of the dangers which we ourselves have provoked.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE.—May 18.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Lieut-Col J R McCullagh, B	Mr R Hood, M
	Mr S M Fraser, Bo Cov
Major J G Morris, B	Mr F P Quinlan, Bo
Mr A W Trethewy, B Cov	Col H S Stewart
	Col W W Biscoe
Mr F H Barrow, B Cov	Col A G Hutchins
Mr S S Thorburn, B Cov	Lieut-Col J A Little
Mr F W Fox, B Cov	Lieut-Col S C Turner
Mr A J Gillman, B	Major W O Harris
Mr R H Morse, B	Capt S C Gough
Mr A Grant, B	Capt C J Mellis
Mr E C Cotes, B	Capt W D Gordon
Mr J McKee, B	Capt G F W St John
Mr B Bonah, B	Capt F C Grant
Mr C L Taylor, B	Lieut E W Wall
Mr L R Fraser, B	Lieut B H Rooke
Mr W H Shortt, B	Lieut C W Tribe
Mr J S Forbes, B	Lieut R L Carnegy
Mr J H Lane, B	Surg-Lieut-Col T Robinson, Med Estab
Mr T R J Ward, B	Surgn-Capt F E Murray, Med Estab
Mr W W Jones, B	
Mr R N Burn, B	Surg-Capt A E Roberts, Med Estab
Mr R Nathan, B	
Mr A Joyce, M	

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Surg-Capt J Murray, B Med Estab, 3 mo MC	Capt G S Kerrick, 3 mo
Mr W N de Lange, B, 3 mo extraordinary leave on M C without pay	Capt G S McD Elliot, 3 mo
Mr E St G Kaye, B, 3 mo extraordinary leave on MC without pay	Hon Capt J H Smith, 3 mo
Mr H F P Hall, B, 5 mo MC	Lieut M J Tighe, DSO, 6 mo
Capt C Jackson, 4 mo	Surg-Major W Conry, Med Estab, till Jan 11, 1895

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Mr F S Coplestone, B Cov	Capt F C Logan-Home
Mr B G Gilbert-Cooper, B	

IT is, the *Pioneer* thinks, to be regretted that the new fortified post at Chilas was not allowed to be known officially as "Fort Daniell" in memory of one of the bravest officers who gave his life in defence of the North-West Frontier. As it is a stone slab over the entrance bears the inscription "Fort Daniell," and this at least should be allowed to remain. In years to come Chilas may prove to be one of the most important posts on the Kashmir border, for the Khagan route must be opened out eventually as giving the quickest line of communication with Gilgit and the line of the Hindu Kush. A Pamir scare this summer would probably suffice to ensure the immediate construction of a good military road over the Babusar Pass. Until that scare comes, the authorities will probably rest content with the more circuitous and difficult route over the Kashmir passes.

To preserve the complexion against wind, heat irritating dust, &c., against wounds, burns, abrasion the best application is Toilet "Lanoline."—From all Chemists and Druggists in Auber.

WHAT WE OWE TO CAPTAIN MAHAN.

THE following are some extracts from an admirable important leader in the *Times* :—

The arrival in the Thames of the United States warship Chicago, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Erben and commanded by Captain A. T. Mahan, affords a fitting opportunity for paying a friendly compliment to the United States Navy and doing honour to the greatest living writer on naval history. An influential and representative committee has been formed for the purpose of inviting Admiral Erben and the officers of the Chicago to a public banquet to be held in London at an early date. This may be regarded as in some measure a return for the cordial and profuse hospitality offered last year at New York to the British Squadron which attended the Columbian naval review : but more particularly it is designed as a special compliment to the great writer who has told the epic story of British naval achievement as it has never been told before. The materials for a naval history such as Captain Mahan has composed are from the very nature of the case derived mainly, though not exclusively, from English sources; and they have been dealt with not inadequately, from the mere chronicler's or annalist's point of view, by a succession of English writers. With very few exceptions, however—the most noteworthy of which is that of the distinguished naval officer whose name very properly appears on the committee formed for the purpose of entertaining Admiral Erben and his officers—English writers on naval history have been content for the most part to record events without investigating their causes. It has been reserved for Captain Mahan to disengage and expound, almost for the first time, the principles of what might be called the philosophy of naval history. His profound grasp of naval strategy in its widest and deepest significance is acknowledged by all competent students of his works; but this is not all. He has introduced into the study of history an entirely new conception—that of "sea power" as such. . . .

It is an interesting speculation to compare the influence of ideas and events on the course of human affairs. "Der Gedanke geht der That voraus," as Heine says, the thought goes before the deed; and the events which seem to move the world are, after all, only the practical embodiment of ideas antecedent to them. It is a commonplace to trace back the French Revolution to its ideal germ in the writings of Voltaire and Rousseau. Sir Henry Maine has shown how profoundly and yet almost unconsciously the influence and inspiration of Rousseau have impregnated the conceptions of popular government now dominant in the world. The influence of Adam Smith in the latter part of the last century, of Bentham in the early part of this century, on public legislation and polity is almost incalculable. Hence it is no paradox to say that the forces which really move the world are often better expressed in the form of ideas than in the form of the events which embody them. If this be so, it is impossible to exaggerate the effect of the introduction into men's thoughts and purposes of so pregnant and potent an idea as that of "sea power;" nor would it be altogether absurd to conjecture that the publication of Captain Mahan's two great works, "The Influence of Sea Power upon History" and "The Influence of Sea Power upon the French Revolution and Empire," may hereafter be regarded as among the really crucial and moving events of our time.

It is not, however, to be supposed that Captain Mahan wrote his works with the direct object of inspiring Englishmen with a sounder and deeper appreciation of the real sources of their country's influence and power in the world; on the contrary, his primary purpose manifestly was to awaken in his own countrymen a sense of their inheritance in the future dominion of the sea. But the influence of great ideas is limited neither by national boundaries nor by the immediate purpose of those who propound them. The wind of thought bloweth where it listeth. If Rousseau and Bentham between them could fashion the framework of modern Democracy in accordance with ideas which, to say the least, were partially false, and to say the most, were only of limited application; if Adhm Smith by expounding the true sources of the wealth of nations could determine the whole course of financial policy in this country for at least a century; if Karl Marx by an imperfect and one-sided analysis of the nature and functions of capital has been able to inspire one of the most potent social impulses of our time; who shall venture to gauge the ulterior influence and effect of such an analysis and exposition of "sea power" as Captain Mahan has given to the world? Already this influence may be discovered by those who have eyes to see in almost every direction. Many of us can recollect when "natural selection" was a new phrase and a new idea. "Evolution" is a a conception which in the memory of men not yet old has migrated, as Bacon would say, from the theatre to the market-place. The word "survival," together with the whole range of ideas associated with it, is still almost a novelty, first coined, if we mistake not, in the mint of Mr. E. B. Taylor. Yet if these words were expunged from the language and the ideas expressed by them were banished from the minds of men, the business of current thought could hardly be conducted at all. It is already the same with the conception of "sea power." It is not yet five years since the first of Captain Mahan's books mentioned above was published. To have talked of sea power even at the time when the Naval Defence Act was passed, would have been to use a new-fangled phrase for an idea which then had practically no existence. At this moment, on the contrary, the conception of sea power, its nature, its sources, its responsibilities, and its conditions already constitutes the whole basis of our naval thinking, and is fast coming to be recognised by the nation and its rulers as the only true foundation of our naval policy. This we owe directly to Captain Mahan, and almost to Captain Mahan alone. Hence the entertainment to be offered to Captain Mahan and his brother officers is not merely the renewal of a family gathering inaugurated last year at New York—though in that aspect alone the occasion is invested with a rare suggestiveness—it is the spontaneous welcome offered by the nation to the great writer who has told the splendid story of its naval achievements with a literary dignity worthy of its magnificent theme, with a philosophic and strategetic insight which, while it explains the fate of nations in the past, goes far to determine it in the future, and with a potency of practical suggestion which has convinced Englishmen once for all that sea power is and must for ever remain the articulus stantis aut cadentis Imperii.

ADMIRAL SIR T. SYMONDS ON THE NAVY.

ADMIRAL SIR T. SYMONDS, writing to the *Times* (May 16), observes that no mention is made in Parliamentary debates or returns, or even elsewhere, as to our guns, the state of which is so alarming, and must end in disaster if at war with France and Russia, or France alone. He says :—"We mount 300 and odd muzzle-loaders in our obsolete vessels, units of our whole naval force, and only ninety-six breechloaders in our twenty-four modern armoured battleships and four in Hero and Conqueror, total 100 heavy guns, besides thirty-two in the altered obsolete Devastation, Thunderer, &c.—Total, 132 heavy guns. Thus we have only 132 best guns, B.L., to 300 and odd M.L.—the worst of guns. This is most deplorably dangerous. The French mount about 202 breech-loading heavy guns, and the Russians 109, total 311, to our 132! All their other guns are breechloaders; ours muzzle-loaders!" Continuing, the writer says :—"Beyond the breechloader being, as a gun so superior to the muzzle-loader, the fact that all our newest battleships are armed with them as well as the war vessels of all other nations, and our replacing the muzzle-loaders by breechloaders in many obsolete ships, seems to prove it inconcontestably, and there is the exceeding difficulty in reloading the muzzle-loader under the fire of quick-firing guns (if it be possible), which can pelt the loaders at the port and muzzle with bursting shells eight or ten times in a minute."

THE *Pioneer* writes :—It might be suggested to Mr. W. S. Caine since he is concerning himself so actively with the administration of Criminal Justice in India, that he should ask the Secretary of State a question or two about the trial of the Junagadh rioters, which, according to the telegrams has just been concluded. The riot took place last July, and we forget how many months ago a special Court of Sessions was constituted to try it. This court consisted of a Mahomedan gentleman, a Hindu Statutory Civilian, and a Parsi President. We presume that all three members have been engaged on not inadequate allowances for the work which they have just managed to complete, and if that is so, it would be very interesting to know what these salaries were and what the total cost of the trial has been. Will Mr. Caine or Mr. Naoroji ask for the information? The figures would probably have an interesting relevance to the question of the greater cheapness of native agency, bearing in mind that in other circumstances the case would probably have been tried by an Assistant Political Agent at next to no cost at all. It is comfortable to hear that the decision is said to have given satisfaction to all parties. That is not always the way with criminal judgment; but it would be hard to have got anything less than perfect satisfaction for the time and money.

THE QUEEN'S UNIFORM.

THE old complaint that the Queen's uniform, even when it is worn by her soldiers, is not properly respected was (says the "Saturday Review") repeated in the debate on the Uniforms Bill. It is one with which we have every sympathy; but we have little confidence that any Act of Parliament could remove its cause. The objection is not to the uniform, but to the wearer, and is an inheritance from times when the soldier was habitually spoken of as a drunken blackguard by his own most famous leaders, and when a certain tipsy rowdyism was cultivated as becoming the military character. A prejudice which is dying out, but still lingers on, was established against the soldier, and nothing is more difficult to remove than a feeling of this kind. Another complaint with which we have much less sympathy was also repeated in the course of the debate. It was said that officers do not wear their uniform sufficiently, and that their reluctance is taken as a sign that they are ashamed of it. With all due respect to the mother of Parliaments, this is no better than nonsense. Officers go in plain clothes to many places partly because they do respect their uniform. Can anybody think that the uniform of Her Majesty's Guards would be in its proper place at a music-hall on the back of an officer? Most of us think not, and yet gentlemen are not to be forbidden to relax themselves in those palaces of delectable amusement. Again, the human mind revolts at the notion of a captain of hussars in uniform with an umbrella up—and the regulations forbid the outrage. But are officers who wish to drop in at the "Rag and Marlinspike," or to visit their friends, to be subjected to the risk of becoming wet and muddy without protection? The question of expense, too, must be considered. The bill which Messrs. Knopf and Stecknadel sent in for the uniforms of Lieut. Wellesley Ponto, of the 12th Queen's Own Piebald Hussars, is only a legitimate exaggeration. Many officers have to go to church with over £100 worth of tailoring and gold lace about them. Even a comparatively rich man does not like to put all that in case to be spoiled by rain—and that is why the regiment often stays away from church. Undressed uniforms are still much dearer than plain clothes, and, as to campaigning dress, can one conceive of an officer and a gentleman walking, into a drawing room in a Norfolk jacket, kinck erbockers, and patties, or to church, or to a theatre, or to his clubs? The uniform is for parade or work, and the plain clothes for those times when an officer is a gentleman with other gentlemen.

"J. P. for British Guiana" writes in the "Morning Post," of May 16 :—"In the Colony of British Guiana, in South America, it is no uncommon thing to meet a coolie striding along clad in a head tie, babba, and a tunic, of which he is very proud. Not only have I seen medal ribbons, but noncommissioned officer's chevrons or good-conduct badges. The facings and buttons are left on the garments in spite of all that is asserted to the contrary by the War Office folks in the House of Commons. I have recognised many individual regiments, and the tunics in greatest demands are those of the 5th Lancers and of Highland regiments. Large bales of tunics are constantly sent out for sale in the Colony, as it has a large population of East Indian coolies. Uniforms Bill ought to put a stop to this.'

HAWAIIAN POLITICS.

MR. THEO. H. DAVIES, writing from Sundown Hesketh Park, Southport, to the Times (May 16 says:—Sir,—On the 12th inst. there appeared in your columns a brief telegram regarding recent elections in Hawaii. May I in a few words explain the import of that telegram? It lays bare, in all its nakedness, the nature of the temptation by which it was sought to seduce the American people to take possession of a nation which they had pledged themselves in friendship. Five commissioners went to Washington early last year and tendered to the United States Government the sovereignty of Hawaii. They stated that the Hawaiians were dissatisfied with their native monarchy and desired annexation to the United States. After much inquiry, Mr. Greasham publicly declared in a State paper to President Cleveland that the Commissioners did not represent the Hawaiian nation, that the revolution had been accomplished by fraud and force, and that United States officials had been parties to it. Thereupon President Cleveland informed Congress that the United States were bound in honour to make reparation. During the last year and a quarter the Government of Hawaii has been administered by nineteen white men, who assumed control by vote of a mass meeting held in Honolulu. They are men of good social and commercial standing, but they have never consulted the natives nor the people of any class outside Honolulu. Hitherto these gentlemen have steadily refused to put their position to the test of an appeal to the people. Finally, they have felt themselves compelled to make some show of constitutional deference, and the following is their scheme; The provisional Government summoned the nation to vote on a Convention to frame a constitution in which they also and their council delegates (nineteen in all) would sit and would hold the majority. They further permit every man to vote who has been either a soldier or a policeman for the last four months, or a resident for the past year, provided that he is not an Asiatic, and provided that he will first take an oath to vote for them! This grotesque election has actually taken place, and the result was announced in your columns on Saturday last. I learn by cable that on the Island from which the commissioners were sent to Washington, out of a possible 3000 Hawaiian voters 2342 refused the qualifying oath; and a later telegram informs me that the natives have almost unanimously abstained from voting. The provisional Government has been pronounced illegitimate by the President of the United States, it has received recognition from no other Power, and the nation whom it professed to represent has utterly repudiated it. If this Government continues to maintain itself, it must be largely by the votes of policemen, soldiers, and Portuguese immigrants, many of whom had not seen Hawaii when the revolution took place."

THE BISLEY MEETING.

ON May 12 the prize list for the Bisley Meeting, to be held in July, was issued by the National Rifle Association. The total value of the Queen's series is £2420 in 600 prizes, 100 of these, however, of £1 each, being reserved for tyros who have not hitherto attained distinction at the great rifle meeting. The competition will again be fired in three stages, the Queen's gift of £250 going to the man who makes the highest aggregate with his sixty-six shots at 200, 500, 600, 800, and 900 yards. The contest will extend over five days. The conditions of the St. George's competition—always regarded as standing next in importance to the Queen's among the Volunteer series—have been altered from last year. Then it was a single range contest at 600 yards, but this year the men who score highest at 600 yards will shoot a second stage at 800 yards (ten shoots, the Challenge Vase and prizes immediately following it going to those who score highest in the two stages. There are to be 250 prizes in the series, worth £845 in all. In these and other Volunteer competitions retired men of long service will be allowed to shoot and take prizes on an equality with those still serving, with the single exception that the Queen's Prize itself must go to an efficient. The Sir James Whitehead Challenge Cup—a new prize given by the Volunteer Patriotic Fund, to commemorate Sir James efforts to complete the equipment of the Volunteers—is to be competed for by sections of your men, each battalion being allowed to send three sections, but not more than one prize going to a battalion. The men will be allowed to fire as many shots as they can in one minute at 200 yards kneeling, and again at 500 yards prone. The Duke of Westminster's field-firing contest for teams of ten will this year offer three prizes, instead of one only; but the Prince of Wales's, the Alexandra, and Martin's and other Martini-Henry competitons show little or no change, while two or three minor series for the Volunteer weapon have been added to the list. For shooting either with the Lee-Metford or Martini-Henry rifle or carbine there are the Brinsmead Challenge Cup, the great new Imperial Prize, the Evelyn Wood, the General Eyre, the Lloyd-Lindsay, the Defries, and the United Services Cups, some of which are for regular troops and the Navy only. The Royal Cambridge, the Loder, and Yeomanry Cup are for regular and auxiliary cavalry using carbines; and there are many series for military breechloaders, to include other than service arms, and for sporting guns, and the more perfect but delicate weapons classed as "any rifles," as well as for revolvers. The number of prizes and their value more than equal the number and value in 1893, and will afford plenty of opportunity for the skill of marksmen, civil as well as military, in the fortnight of the meeting's duration.

INTELLIGENCE reached the Royal Yacht Squadron Castle, at Cowes, on May 16, that the Valpyrie cutter, formerly belonging to Lord Dunraven, and sold by him to an Italian gentleman, has foundered off the coast of Africa, with the loss of all hands. The Valgyrie, after which the yacht which went to America to sail against the Vigilant last year was named, was well-known on the South Coast yachting stations, and the report of the catastrophe has occasioned much regret. She had been sailing against the Prince of Wales' Britannia in several recent Mediterranean regattas.

A NEW monthly periodical with the title of "Foreign Languages" is announced for publication on June 1st, by Messrs. Isaac Pitman and Sons. Besides some entirely original features, and a variety of useful information of special interest to students and tourists, the magazine will contain practical discussions on the best methods of learning foreign languages; dialogues in French, German, Spanish and Italian as reading practice, with copious foot notes; commercial letters, &c. The price will be two-pence.

"DIRECT" LITERARY DEALING.

MR. J. K. JEROME, being invited to address the annual meeting of the Newsagents' and Booksellers' Union, which has this year held its conference at Edinburgh, spoke his mind pretty freely upon several topics of interert to the trade. It was a pleasure, he said, to meet with business men and talk about the business side of art, because in the circles in which he usually moved they wrote books in order to protect their individuality on the public; and they ran magazines and newspapers as the lark sang, because they could not help it. (Laughter.) One got tired of that aspect of the subject, and wanted to look at the other side, and in that manner the author and the publisher and the reading public were all very much in one boat. (Laughter.) The secretary had suggested to him some very Utopian ideas about doing away with the middleman, but the question remained, as one of them put it to himself, what they were going to do with him when they did away with him. He would have to go into the workhouse, and come upon the taxes, (Laughter.) They might imagine "A Window in Thrums," with Mr. J. M. Barrie selling "The Little Minister" over the counter, with a label over his shoulder, "Why pay intermediary profits? Buy of the maker;" and they might have Mr. T. P. O'Connor and himself running up and down the Strand selling their papers and magazines. But the question was too Utopian for himself, and he left it to the secretary to deal with it.

INDIA AND OUR NATIONAL LIBRARY.

"C. E. D. B," replying to Captain Troughton's letter on the above subject, says:—"It is only fair to the British Museum, as well as to the India Office, to point out that Captain Troughton would have done better to consult the library or record branch of the latter department for publications relating to India. Theoretically, the British Museum ought, perhaps, to contain the official publications of every part of the Empire, but the vast accretion of books which this would entail would be a serious practical difficulty. For many years great pains have been taken to perfect the collections of both official and non-official publications in the India Office, and despatches have fromtime to time been sent out charging the local governments to exercise all vigilance in depositing one copy at least of every printed work in the office in London. At the present moment the collections there are, I believe, as nearly perfect as is practicable. Moreover, there is an obvious convenience in having these publications stored on the spot where, if further information be desired, there is an expert staff of Anglo-Indians competent to render explanations and supply the most recent official data. An analogous case will be found in the library of the Colonial Office, where there must be a large collection of detailed Colonial literature which it would be impossible for the British Museum to attempt to set up in duplicate on their own shelves. It seems to me all that the Museum people can fairly be expected to do in the case of works published by the Indian and Colonial authorities abroad, is to secure those that are of Imperial and general importance, leaving those of mere local interest to be sought for in the official libraries."

THE LONDON CABMEN'S STRIKE.

THE agitation of the London cabmen for a reduction in the rate of hire culminated, on May 16, in a large number stopping work until the owners consent to let out cabs at a minimum rate of 15s. per day. The strike is apparently chiefly directed against the Cab Proprietors' Association, which includes nearly all the large cab-owning firms in the metropolis. Most of the smaller owners have, it is stated, conceded the men's demands. On behalf of the owners it is put forward that it costs 15s. a week each to provide horseflesh for cabs, and this is independent of forage, which has been high in price lately, the wear and tear of cabs, the rent of stables, the wages of horsekeepers and so forth. It is pointed out that while the effect on the boycotted owners may be serious, as it leaves some two or three thousand horses in their stables "eating their heads off," the inconvenience to the public is exceedingly small.—The cabs working at the union rates are ticketed to that effect. Some hundreds of men gathered on the Embankment, on May 16, and then marched to Hyde Park, where speeches were made. "Pickets" had been placed outside the various cab yards, but no serious disturbances took place anywhere. One driver who was plying for hire without the permission of the union had his cab overturned and his leg broken. A meeting of cab proprietors, on May 16, decided that the union proposals could not be entertained.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPIRE.

SIR GEORGE BADEN-POWELL delivered an address on "The Responsibilities of Empire, to a large and enthusiastic meeting of Unionists at Norwich, on May 15. Having out-lined the characteristics material, moral, political—of the Empire as entrusted to this generation, he drew special attention to the fact that within fifty years churches and pastors of the Christian religion have been set up all over Australia, South Africa, and North America, as well as in India and over many a barbarous country. Proceeding, he catalogued the responsibilities with in the Empire in respect of law and order, library, material prosperity, and security against internal and external aggression, and our responsibilities in external affairs, calling special attention to the fruitful development of trade beween our Colonies and foreign countries, while he concluded by pointing out our duties in administration in foreign policy, and in a complete and true scheme of national defence. Sir George took occasion to show the utter inadequacy in deeds of wordy promises of the present Government in all these matters, and especially in regard to their naval programme. Finally, he showed how the Government, by continually introducing new bills which they knew they could never pass, were clearly guilty of the grossest obstruction, which effectually deprived the House of Commons of its constitutional right to discuss many most important and pressing problems of Imperial policy.

THE WELSH POLITICAL REVOLT.

MESSRS. LLOYD-GEORGE, Frank Edwards, D. Thomas and Herbert Lewis, four Welsh Liberal members who had revolted against the precedence given by the Government to London and Scotch legislation over the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, addressed a Liberal meeting at Bangor on May 16, giving reasons for the line of action they had pursued. Mr. Edwards maintained that what the Welsh people needed was an assurance that the Disestablishment Bill should be pressed through the House of Commons this Session and sent to the House of Lords. Mr. Lewis pointed out that the Newcastle Programme placed Welsh Disestablishment next after Home Rule, but the Goverdment had not adhered to that arrangement. Mr. Thomas said the attitude he and his friends had adopted did not necessarily mean hostility to the Government. It depended on the Government whether they became hostile to it or not. Mr. Lloyd-George expressed the opinion that if there had been an independent Welsh National Party, years ago in the House of Commons the Government would not have dared to insult the Welsh people with such a Disestablishment Bill as had been introduced. A resolution, approving the action of the four members, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

THE ANTI-OPIUM AGITATION.

IT was intended that Sunday, May 27, should be observed as a day of special intercession for the discontinuance of the opium trade between India and China.—Speaking, on May 15, at a meeting of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, Highgate, the Rev. Dr. Wenyon, from China, stated that at Hong Kong he had seen only Europeans drink, but the Temperance cause was prospering there. He had been for thirteen years in charge of a hospital in China and found that opium was the greatest of all physical curses. "Poor men often sold their children and their wives to obtain it. It was "simple nonsense" for people to come back from China and say that opium did no harm.

IN connection with the recent inquiry in the House on the part of Sir Wilfrid Lawson as to the origin of certain titles, the following amusing letter appeared in the *Times* of May 9 :—Sir,—Your readers may be interested, in view of the motion Sir Wilfrid Lawson recently made in the Commons House of Parliament, to learn the origin of the Lawson baronetcy. I take the following from John Denton's account of Cumberland, as noted up by Richard Gilpin, 1688 or thereabouts, and published in 1887 :—"Sir Wilfrid Lawson purchased a baronet's patent and died December, 1688, leaving his estate and honour to Sir W. L., his grandchild." From other sources of information, I believe the price paid was £2,000, a considerable sum two hundred years ago. Your readers will thus see that the honour, like the Gatter, ha l "no d—d merit about it." Yours, &c., Richard S. Ferguson.

A TELEGRAM, dated Ghazipur, 30th May, says :—The smearing of mango trees has appeared at Birun Police circle, in the Ghazipur district. Hitherto no importance has been attached locally to the affair.

towards Kharijal and requested the Dewan's orders on the point. To understand the Superintendent's suggestion as to the route it may be stated, that to get to Kharijal the Tajia procession would have either to leave by the gate, called the Nanhna gate, or if it left by the Veraval Gates at the other end of the town it would have to wheelback alongside the city walls and join again the road leading out of the Nahna gate. At a short distance from this gate the road bifurcates, (1) a cart track called Dehotsarg road going to Dehotsarg up to the way which is in the compound of the Bhuria Bava's Mandir, where there is a descent sidewise through some fields to Kharijal, and (2) the *sadak* going to the same point by a made road comparatively more level than the cart-track. After forwarding this report Valanmya and Ajam Mia were again sent for, when Ajam Mia came with three other Mahomedans. The same enquiries were addressed to them as had been made of Valanmya, and the same replies given, except that as to the route. Azam Mia said that he would give or send a reply after consulting Valan Mia. But no reply on this point came from either, and in the meantime Mr. Lallubhai received the Dewan's reply, dated 24th July, 1893. (Exhibit M), which approved of his suggestion regarding the route and added that the Mahomedans should be apprised of it by written notice immediately on the Tajias being removed for the marching procession. He had already got printed one set of notices for the Hindoos, warning them not to interfere with the Mahomedan's immersing the Tajias within the prescribed limits, or to collect in numbers at such place. (Exhibit P.), and another set for Mahomedans, enjoining them not to immerse the Tejias within the prohibited areas (Exhibit N.) On receipt of the Dewan's order (Exhibit M.), he caused one hundred copies of another notice (Exhibit O.) written by hand for distribution among the Mahomedans, ordering them to carry the Tajias by the *sadak*.

Before the preparation of these orders an incident took place which should be noticed. At about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Azam Mia presented a stamped petition to the Superintendent (Exhibit Q.), signed by accused Nos. 1, 2, 3, and one Mahomed Alia Vali, on behalf of the Mahomedan community, stating that the level of one of the three archways forming the Veraval gate had been raised in consequence of a water-drain being carried below it, and that it would be, therefore, impracticable to pass the Tajias as usual through that archway, and requesting him to make arrangements to pass the Tajias without hindrance. At Mr. Lallubhai's request Azam Mea (accused No. 2), wrote a postscript on the petition to the effect that the height of the Tajias was from 15 to 16 cubits. It does not appear from the evidence whether this petition was presented before or after the receipt of the Dewan's reply of 24th July (Exhibit M.), but most probably it was before the receipt, as there was only one train from Junagadh to Veraval arriving at about 5 o'clock in the evening. No conversation seems to have taken place on this occasion as to the route.

It is not necessary to notice in detail the various measures taken to fix posts and boundaries except that sometime between 10 and 12 on the morning of 25th July posts, bearing an order not to take the Tajias by the Dehotsarg road were fixed, one (Exhibit R.) at the near junction between that road and the sadak, and the other the way in Dehotsarg.

At about 11 o'clock on the morning of 25th July two of the accused persons, Miraj Fatu Patel accused (No. 24) and Nur Panya (accused No. 25) came to the Kotha. They were the leading men of one of the two khels, or divisions of the Patan Mahomedans, called the nahni, or the smaller khel, in contradistinction to the other called the moti, or bigger khel. Each of these khels has its own Tajias; those of the moti khel issuing from the Veraval gate, and those of the nahni khel from the Nahna gate. As a rule, the nahni khel has only one Tajia, except when any individual constructs one in obedience to a special vow. It seems that on this occasion there were two Tajias in this khel, and Miraj Fatu Patel and Nur Panya had come to the Superintendent to ask him to take order lest there should be a row about the question of precedence between the two Tajias. Mr. Lallubhai says that he took this opportunity to serve these two men with copies of the notices and prohibitory orders (Exhibits N. and O.)

The final measures taken by Mr. Lallubhai were to station policemen at different points. Besides the fifty men drafted from Junagadh he had gathered about forty-two more men from places near Patan. A number of constables were distributed through the town who seem to have been able to preserve order without difficulty. A guard composed of 10 constables was placed at the junction under the orders of Mr. Vaz, and one consisting of one naik and 20 constables was placed at the way near Bhuria Bava's Mandir under the orders of Jamadar Sukhdeva. Another guard, consisting of a Jamadar and five constables was stationed at Mankeshvar, and a fifth guard of two constables was stationed at the Umra tree near Narsing Ghat, these two places being points defining the prescribed limits for immersion.

Having taken these measures, all the officers including Mr. Lalubhai, the Vahivatdas of Patan and Veraval (Mr. Maniprasad and Mr. Ambaram) the Munsiff of Patan (Mr. Prataprai Sunderjee), Mr. Motilal, the Assistant Police Superintendent of Ajab, and the two Foujdars of Patan and Sapeetrada collected about 4 o'clock p.m. at the *Kotha* in the Veraval gate, from whence the Tajias of the *moti khel* were to leave the town.

The Tajias approached the first of the three archways at about 4-45 p.m., accompanied by a procession composed of a number variously computed from 1,000 to 3,000 men. Departing from the practice of former years, which gave the Sarkari Tajia precedence, the Choganvala Tajia was brought first to the gate. Valanmya and Azam Mia asked the officers to get the Tajias through the archway where the level had been raised by the construction of a drain. Some of the undisputed facts elicited in the evidence go to show that the action of the Mahomedans on this occasion was inspired by a disputatious spirit. The ostensible grievance was that the Tajia could not pass through as in previous years, because the level of one of the archways was raised. The height of that archway was 16 feet 5 inches, being only a foot and 3 inches less than the height of the other two archways, which was 17 feet 8 inches. The evidence for the prosecution, which has not been contraverted on this point, shows that the height of the Choganvala Tajia was, as measured by Kupashunkar Foujdar, on the night of the 24th July, 24 feet, which had not been the case in previous years. It is clear that the Tajia could not have passed from the other two archways, whose levels were untouched without bending, or being separated in places. Besides even in Junagadh city, it is the constant practice to take them out in pieces from gates whose height does not permit them to pass entire. We think that a circumstance of the raising of the level of one of the archways by a little more than a foot for a necessary work of improvement was only seized upon for a pretext for aggressive operation. The conciliatory spirit of Mr. Maniprasad, the Patan Vahivatdar, however, got over the difficulty by yielding to the demand of the Mahomedans to lower the level by digging, and the Tajias of the moti khel, issued out of the town to pass under the walls of the city on their way to the place of an immersion.

After the departure of the Tajias it was thought that there was no further cause for uneasiness, and the Vahivatdar of Veraval left to return to Veraval. Mr. Lallubhai, and his Assistant, Mr. Motilal, Vahitdar Maniprasad, Munsiff Prataprai, and the two Foojdars of Patan and Sitrapada, accompanied by some of their subordinate officers and patavalas, then proceeded through the town to pass out by the Nahna gate at the opposite end and to take their station at the junction, with the view of enforcing the order said injuction regarding the route to be taken by the procession. They were accompanied by Azam Mia (accused No. 2), and one Saiyad Mesan Saiyad Edroos, a Mahomedan gentleman of some position in Patan. Mr. Vaz's file of twenty policemen was drawn up at the junction, blocking the Dehotsarg road. There is a large number of witnesses, both Hindoos and Mahomedans, besides Mr. Vaz, who relate what took place at this point, and the story related by them all is substantially in unison. When the officers arrived there the Tajias of the two *khels* had not yet come up, and the officers took the opportunity of serving the notices (F. and O.) on Azam Mia, admittedly one of the foremost leading Mahomedan of the *city*, and told him to persuade Mahomedans to proceed peacefully by the *sadak*. Azam Mia seems to have resented the issue of such an order, and went back in high dudgeon towards the city. Soon afterwards the Tajias of the two *khels*, those of the *nahni khel*, issuing from the Nahna gate, and those of the *moti khel*, emerging from the road alongside the walls, joined at the *Dharamsala*, outside the Nahna gate, and marched towards the junction, which is about 15 yards from the *Dharamsala*. Azam Mia himself admits that he informed Valanmya as he was coming towards the junction, at the head of the Tajias, of the order about the route, and showed him the notice, but they both marched on with the procession to the junction without doing anything. A body of 100 or 150 Mahomedans had proceeded the main body and pushed past Mr. Vaz's file on the Dehotsarg road, in spite of being served with the notices. The police officers asked accused No. 11, Ebrahim Gani Bakhai, who was there to call these people back and detain them till the arrival of Valanmya and the other leading Mahomedans. Bakhai seems to have easily succeeded in beckoning and calling them back. The main body soon followed with Valanmya, Azam Mia, and other leading Mahomedans at the head of the Tajias. They were served with copies of the notice and prohibitory order. Mr. Vaz, who has certainly shown no adverse feeling towards the Mahomedans in giving his evidence describes what then took place as follows:—"I saw Valanmya (accused No. 1) and Azam Mia (accused No, 2) coming on, so I went running up to them. As I went up to Valanmia Kazi Azam Mia went towards the post where the Superintendent and others were. I told Valunmia, that the Nawab Sheb had prohibited the procession from going by the footpath. He replied that he would go by the old road, and that they would go by the old road till Colonel Hunter's decision was out I told them that the report of the Commission on this point was out. He asked me to show it to him. I replied that it was with the Superintendant. As Valan Mia wanted to see it I went to the Superintendent to ask for it. The Superintendent informed me that he had no power to give a copy out, but he gave me two circulars in connection with it. I gave them to Sayad Valunmia. Valanmiya said: "This was not the report of the Commission. Until such time as the Commission's report is out they will go by the old road. As Valanmia spoke as above the procession made a rush towards Dehotsarg. I saw my men scattered by the rush." It may be noted here that so far as the Superintendent was furnished with the report of Colonel Hunter's Commission, and which he embodied in the circulars referred to, evidently meaning thereby the notices, it had reference only to the limits within which the Tajias could not be immersed, and had no reference at all to the route. Nor does it appear in the evidence that the question of the route was in any way included within the scope of the Commission. The principal witness for the defence Mya Mesan Syad Abi describes the altercation at the junction as follows:—"At first Kazi Azamnia had some conversation with the police officers; whereupon he went back towards the Tajias for a short distance. Then the Tajias came up. And Valunmia and Kazi had then some conversation with the police officers. I can't say what the conversation was, as there was a large number of people assembled, but it was being said that the Mahomedans should not go by that road. Valunmia said to the police officers "You are prohibiting the Mussalmans from going by this road. So long as the decision of Hunter Saheb had not been received by us, we shall go by the route we took last year. The other Mahomedans also said this to the police officers at the same time with Valunmia. The police officers were prohibiting them from going along that road, saying that they would be guilty of disobedience of Sirkar's order if they did so." In cross-examination, he added "I knew at the post that we were forbidden to go by the Dehotsarg road. People then knew of this prohibition. The Mussulmans who were collected there said that they would go by the Dehotsarg road unless they were shown the report of the Commission. The officers reasoned with them to persuade them not to go by that road. But the Mahomedans insisted upon going by that road." There can be no question but that at the junction the Mahomedans deliberately disobeyed the order prohibiting them to go by the Dehotsarg road, and rushed past the police file, which was easily scattered. In his statement before this Court (Exhibit 149) Valunmya says that he and others, after reading the notices told the officers that "you give the notices, at the last moment; how can we make any "bundobust" now. If you had told us of this when the tajias were detained near the Veraval gate for half an hour, we would have done such bundobust as we could. The decision of the Commission has not yet been received. Therefore the Mussulmans refuse this day to go by the new road, giving up the old route. There are 2,000 or 3,000 men here. We, two or three men cannot persuade them." In reference to the plea, on behalf of the Mahomedans, involved in the above statement of Valunmya that there was something like a prescriptive right to go by the Deotsarg road, it has to be observed that Mr. Motilal, who was Assistant Police Superintendent of Ajab, in which Patan is situated, from 1891 to 1893, and was in Patan in both 1891 and 1892 during the Mohurrum, says that while in 1892 the tajias were taken by Dehotsarg road, they were taken in 8891 by the road along the present sadak, which was not then built. No evidence has been given to controvert this statement of Mr. Motilal, nor has it been shown that the Dehotsarg road had been used in the years previous to 1891. We are inclined to think that the plea of prescriptive right put forward by Valunmya was simply a plea to cover an obstinate determination to defy authority and proceed along the prohibited road. Nor are we disposed to regard the plea of his own helplessness to control the multitude as a bona fide one. If he could have persuaded them to obey orders at the Veraval gate, there was no reason why he could not have persuaded them when Ajam Miya came to him near the dhuramsala, or even at the junction. If he was then and there able to ascertain "that the Mussulmans refuse, this day to go by the new road, giving up the old one," he could also have at least made an effort to tell them to obey the order promulgated by the Police Superintendent, and proclaimed his presence. Valunmya has probably advanced the considerations arising out of his account of what took place at the junction with a view only to palliate the conduct of the Mussulmans. But while it is clear they cannot form any defence to the charge of disobedience of lawful orders or of rioting, inasmuch as the law does not permit the use of force and violence in the assertion of a right or supposed right, we are unable to accept them as in any way mitigating the obstinate and reckless defiance of authority, of which the Mussalmans were guilty in forcing their way on to the Debotsarg road.

The subsequent action of Mr. Lalobhai was taken with a view to get the tajia procession to descend to Kharijal by the turning near the way. He ordered Mr. Vas to go with his men by the Dehotsarg road to reinforce the police party stationed at that point under the command of Jamadar Sukhdeva, while he himself and the other officers proceeded towards Kharijal by the sadak. The distance from the junction to Dehotsarg is about the same either way, being about three-quarters of a mile, and all the three parties—(1) the tajias (2) Mr. Vaz and his men, and (3) Mr. Lalubhai and the officers with him—converged round about the spot within a few minutes of each other. Curiously enough, in spite of the haste made by Mr. Vaz, the tajias were the first to arrive near the way probably because they were hurried on rapidly after the forcible rush at the junction, though some of Mr. Vaz's police constables were able to pass them and inform Jamadar Sukhdeva of the approach of the procession. Here we have the evidence of a number of Hindoo and Mahomedan witnesses, who relate what took place on the arrival of the tajias; and though the Mahomedan witnesses evidently endeavour to tone down everything that according to their judgment, might tell against the accused, still it is not difficult to ascertain the main facts of the scene that was enacted near the way. The ground rises considerably as the Dehotsarg road approaches this way, and, as stated above, there is a turning on the right before reaching the way, from which there is a descent to Kharijal through the adjoining fields. The road on reaching the way takes a twist and narrows into a lane running between Bhuria Bava's compound on the right, and the buildings known as Balagi's Mandir on the left. At the bottom of this lane, which is about fifty yards long, is Bhuria Bava's Mandir, a temple building with a place on the right, called chapri, a small room with a low sloping roof abutting on the wall of the compound. The Mandir building, over which are two agashis side by side, the south one overlooking the roof of the chapri, blocks the bottom of the lane, but there is a passage at right angle to the left which goes to a chowk, called the Am'i Chowk. Jamadar Sukhdeva's party was stationed blocking the way end of the lane, so that the Mahomedans should not enter it, but descend to Kharijal by the turning. It may be as well to state here that Mr. Vaz had gone to inspect the arrangements at Dehotsarg about 5-30 p.m. that evening, and he had found about four or five Bavas in front of Bhuria Bava's Mandir, and abut fifteen Brahmins about Gajanand's Gumpha. This accords with the evidence of the Hindoo witnesses who say that there were about fifteen engaged in Katha recitation near the chapri and about twelve Brahmins and others listening to Katha, and performing ceremonies near the Gumpha. There in no evidence to bear out the suggestion that there was a very much larger crowd of Hindoos collected at Dehotsarg that evening. The music and other noise accompanying tajias seem to have drawn most of the Hindoos near the chapri at the bottom of the lane. What took place on their approach is related by the Mahomedan sepoys, who either ran up from the junction or were in Sukhdeva's file. Noor Mahomed Isak (Exhibit 28) says: "The Mussalmans began to put the policemen (i.e., at the junction), and went on by the old road. Mr. Lalubhai then ordered me, Dafedar Nagardas, Jusab, Bilalsidi, Sanga Bhim, and another man whose name I don't know, to inform the policemen at the Dehotsarg that the Mussulmans were coming. We accordingly went and gave the information to Sukhdeva. Sukhdeva was then standing with his policemen in a file near the notice board post at the way. After a ghadi the Mussalmans came with the tajias. When they came up the policemen stopped them. We said "Take the tajia's by the route you take every year." They replied, we shall take them by the wavdi (wall) of the wada. I don't remember what individual person said this." Sanga Bhim (Exhibit 30) a Mahomedan constable of the Sindhi Miana caste, who ran up to the way with Noor Mahomed Isak, says. "I found Jamadar Sukhdeva stationed near the way towards Bhuria Bava's place. There were about thirty men in his party which was drawn up in a single file. The line was drawn up so as to block the road leading into the Dehotsarg. The Mussulmans had not come up when I got there. After a short while they came there. They were about 500 people. They had sticks in their hands. Jemadar Sukhdeva said to them, "Go by the way you got down last year." As he said this, the Mussulmans pushed away the policemen and broke their ranks. Then they entered the lane by the side of Bhuria Bava. Mahomedkhan Pirkhan (No. 34) another Mahomedan police constable stationed at the way says:—"First 100 or 125 Mussulmans came up. We stopped them and told them to go by the road fixed by the Nawab Saheb. They had sticks in their hands. Then the tajias came up with more Mahomedans. As soon as they came, they assaulted the police. They said they would go towards Dehotsarg, (Amlituraf.) The police said that they would not allow them to go that way. They must go by the sadak as ordered by the Sirkar. The Mussulmans then pushed the police and drove them to the Bhuria Bava's place." Kamu Vali (No. 37), another Mahomedan constable stationed at the way, says:—"On the tajia day, the Mussulmans had come there to immerse the tajias. We told them not to go by the Dehotsarg road, but they should go by the well into the field, and thence to the river. They replied they would not follow this new custom, but they would follow their old custom. The Mussulmans with the tajias assaulted and pushed away the police file and took the tajias on towards Dehotsarg. They took the tajias towards Mandir, broke the wall of the compound, and carried the tajias to the river." A Mahomedan Jamadar, Ebramkhan Acenkhan (No. 33), who came from his post at the Triveni, says:—"The Mussulmans were taking tajias near the wall of the wada. I saw the Mussulmans while they were breaking the wall to get the tajias through." Bagam Rehmat, a Belooch Mekrani, Mahomedan policeman, says:—"The Mahomedans broke the wall to make way for the tajias. I saw the tajias taken by the Mussalmans through the broken wall. The tajias were taken as far as the river side. It is not in dispute that the tajias were dropped near Kharijal, where their skeleton structures are still lying. The evidence of these and other Mahomedan witnesses, whose eagerness to favor the cause of their co-religionists was marked both in their demeanour and in the character of their deposition, leaves no doubt that the Mahomedan procession, instead of taking the turning down into the fields, deliberately assaulted the police with a view to march on to the Dehotsarg lane, broke the stone-wall of the Bhuria Bava's wada carried the tajias through the opening into the wada, and leaving by the south wall of the wada, deposited them at Kharijal. These facts are scarcely denied on behalf of the defence, but an attempt has been made to show that stones were flung at the tajias from the agashi when they approached the way. But it has to be observed that it is hardly possible that stones could have been thrown from the agashi before the tajia's had marched quite past the turning, and were well on their way to the lane, for not only is the distance between the two places too great for such a purpose, but there is a twist in the road after the turning is reached, in consequence of which the agashi is not even visible till the turning is left several yards behind. However that may be, the evidence of the only witnesses who speak on this point, and who are mostly Mahomedan policemen, fix the time when stones commenced to be thrown as subsequent to the refusal of the Mahomedans to go down the turning and when they had arrived at the wall of the wada. What is more, they do not carry their story so far as even to suggest that the action of the Mahomedans in refusing to go down by the turning and proceeding to the lane was in any way influenced by the acting of the Hindoos in throwing stones. Noor Mahomed Isak (No. 28) puts the throwing of the stones after the first altercation with the police about the route. He says: "That stones came to be thrown from the Hindoos on the agashi. They looked like Bavas and Brahmins. I saw the Hindoos throwing stones. I saw about 10 or 15 Hindoos on the agashi. Among them were 3 or 4 Bavas." In reply to questions by the Court, he says "In the procession of tajias there were five taboots, two large, one belonging to each khel, and three others. I saw the five taboots come near the way. They came near the place where the police file was standing. After the police file was broken, the taboots were carried onwards in the direction of the lane near the Bhuria Bava's wada. I saw them go as far as the banian tree in that lane. I was after the police file was broken, and the policemen were driven back forwards in the lane that the stones began to be thrown from the agashi. I saw Mr. Vaz come to the way; he arrived about the same time as the taboots."

Mr. Vaz's account of this incident is as follows. He says: "I went on to the Dehotsarg and came to the way. I saw the police party at the way dispersed. I tried to prevent the men belonging to the procession and coming from behind from going into the Bhuria Bava's place. Those men who had already preceded me had entered the wada. These men were shouting that the Bavas were throwing stones and calling the others to come up; at this time I did not see stones thrown about. As we were trying to prevent others from going into Bhuria Bava's wada, they attacked our police, I saw the men in the agasi throwing stones at the Mahomedans, and the Mahomedans throwing stones at them. The persons whom I saw in the agasi when stones were being thrown about looked to me like Bavas. They may be about fuer or five. I did not actually see stones coming from the hands of the Bavas; but I saw stones coming from the agashi. The time was so peculiar that I could not see everything. Kamu Vali (No. 35) and Basam Rehemat (No. 39) also say that the stones came from the east after the Mahomedans insisted on going towards the wada. Dafedar Nathu Teja, a Sindhi Mahomedan, who ran up to the way, from Kharijal, where he was stationed, on hearing the disturbance, says that "the Musalmans had come as far as the dhabo near the wall, when the Hindoos began to throw stones. I saw eight or nine men on the agasi, they looked like Hindoos, Bavas, and Brahmins." Shahu Delbadh (No. 42) a Mahomedan Mekrani policeman, on being tendered for cross-examination, said, in reply to Mr. Branson "I saw the Hindos throw stones upon the tajias, the tajias were then going by the agasi through a wall which was broken. The stones came from the agasi." In similar cross-examination Hassan Gulmahomed (No. 45), a Mahomedan policeman, also says "When stones were thrown upon the tajias, they were near dhaba under the banyan tree; they were about fifteen paces from the agasi. This evidence leaves no doubt that if stones were thrown by the Hindoos, they were thrown after the intention of the Mahomedans to take the tajias through Debotsarg became manifest. We should have been disposed to think it very improbable that the handful of Hindoos in the Debotsarg at the time should have, by throwing stones at their tajias, provoked an excited multitude of Mahomedans armed with sticks, who, they could not but know, would be instanty roused to retaliate without difficulty by invading the defenceless sacred edifices on the spot. But we know that in moments of flurry and alarm men are apt to do things without reflection or thought of consequence. It may well be, therefore, that some stones were thrown among the Mahomedans by some of the Bavas or other Hindoos who fled to the agasi on the approach of the Mahomedans as they were trying to force the passage of the tajias through the wall of the wada. But we have no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that it was not in consequence of the stones thus thrown by the Hindoos that the peaceful career of the tajias was changed into riot and violence. On the contrary, we believe that it was the evident determination of the Mahomedans to insult and defile their sacred places that led some Hindoos to do so. At the same time it is easy to perceive that such action on the part of the Hindoos would be immediately seized upon by the more violent spirits among the Mahomedans to incite and lead the mob to a general attack upon the Dehotsarg. The evidence shows that this was what actually happened. The Mahomedan mob is variously estimated to have numbered from 1,000 to 3,000 people. The larger figure is given by Valunmya and Azam Mia (accused Nos. 1 and 2), but it is evidently exaggerated by them with the view of emphasizing their helplessness in dealing with so large a crowd. According to the last Census the population of Patan is composed of 3,934 Hindoos and 3,919 Mahomedans, of the 3,919 Mahomedans there are 1,174 females and 1,262 children up to the age of nine years, and 260 children from 9 to 14 years old, leaving an adult male Mahomedan population of 1,223. We are disposed to think that Mr. Lalubhai's estimate of the crowd at about 1,000 is probably the most correct. This mob overspread Debotsarg, attacked and desecrated its sacred edifices, plundered and destroyed some of their property, assaulted the Hindoos there, grievously wounding several, and committed no less than seven murders. Though the evidence does not enable us to ascertain the exact sequence of events, as, indeed, could not be expected from the witnesses in the confusion and terror which must have prevailed, we think, that the order in which we proceed to describe them is, probably, the order in which they took place. We have already related above how the Mahomedans penetrated from the way into the lane with the tajias. In the unequal scuffle which took place near the way and in the lane between them and the police, we find from the evidence that Jamadar Sukhdev, (No. 26) was struck with a stick on the right side of the face, drawing blood, and was struck with stones on the chest and knee. Noor Mahomad Isak (No. 28) was struck with stones on the chest and head. Sanga Bhim (No. 30) received a blow on the head with a stick, and a stone struck him on the knee. Naik Hanumanprasad (No. 29) was struck with stones on the back and chest. Maya Jeta (No. 31) had blows from sticks and stones on knee, shoulder, and toes. Salam Umar (No. 35) was struck with a stone on the chest. Meru Govind (No 36) received serious injuries. He was struck down with a stick and twice struck on the head with an axe. He also received a blow with an iron-bound stick on the head, and he had two fingers crushed. He was under treatment at the Patan and Junagadh hospitals from 20th July to 13th September, during which period he was unable to follow his ordinary pursuits. Indeed, according to the evidence of Sitaram Balaji (No. 4) he was in a very bad condition. Basam Rehmat (No. 39), Sonda Ramsi (No. 40), Hasan Nathu (No, 44), and Hasan Gulmahomad (No. 45) were struck with stones and sticks on different parts of their body. The evidence of the hospital assistants (Nos. 4, 5, 6), who treated them corroborated the account given by them of their injuries. It also appears from the evidence of Lance-Naik Hanumanprased (No. 29) and Jeram (No. 55) that Dafadar Nagardas, who was afterwards killed, was first wounded by Mahomedans in the lane by blows with sticks and an axe. The stones thrown by the Mahomedans appear to have been chiefly obtained from the wall of the wada bordering the lane which they were breaking for the passage of the tajias. A portion of the rioters penetrated the wada as the tajias were being taken through cut branches of the pepul and other trees in it, and broke a samadh (or grave) there. Just a little while before this Mr. Lalubhai and the officers with him who were coming by the sadak seem to have got the wada, and according to their story which on this point is challenged by the defence, jumped over the south wall into the wada, among them being Mr. Lalubhai, Mr. Motilal, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Maniprasad, the Vahivatdar Foujdar Kirpashunker and Hariprasad, and the Munsiff Prataprai. We will afterwards discuss the evidence which has been produced for the defence on this point. But it is noteworthy that accused No. 2, Azam Mia states in his examination before this court that when they reached the fields near Kharijal, Lalubhai spoke to him "Look, Kaji shaheb, there is a disturbance going on over there let us go and try to quiet it," and again adds "as we reached the wall of the wada a stone struck him." Mr. Lalubhai himself states that observing on his approach to the wada that a row was going on he went over the wall into the wada, and asked the Mussulmans to disperse, but as he was going to leave the wada by the entrance near the chapri on seeing policemen being assaulted and pushed by in the lane, a stone thrown by a Mahomedan engaged in breaking the north wall, struck him on the right temple with such force that it stunned him for about ten minutes. Dufedar Abji Sunderji (No. 24) and a sepoy, Lalji, helped him out of the wada, where he was joined by the Vahivatdar Mussiff, and other officers, who found that the Mahomedans had so entirely outnumbered and overpowered the police that there was nothing left for them, but to retreat into the fields to the south of the wada. In a short time Mr. Vaz also came there, he had been drawn back by his sepoys from the lane to the banyan tree. He says "My sepoys pulled me away from the place because stones were thrown about; my policemen were being attacked by the Mahomedans, and it had consequently become very dangerous to stop there or proceed. I was pulled back towards the banyan tree to the west of the *wada* near the place where the tents are." About this time when the officers were in the fields the tajias seem to have been brought to Kharijal and deposited on the bank there without being immersed, and the people with them returned to Dehotsarg. Let us now follow what was going on there. Almost simultaneously with the process of breaking the north wall of the wada for the passage of the taboots, there was a fierce attack on the chapri at the east end of the wall on the agasi, abutting over the low roof with one slope only of the chapri and on the adjoining Bhuria Bava's Mandir. The door of the chapri which faced the north is at close right angles to the entrance gate of the Mandir facing west. As you enter this gate, there is a passage on either side of which are two blocks of buildings with an agasi on the top of each, the north block consisting of two rooms adjoining the chapri and the south block of two temples dedicated to Lakshmi Narya Krishna Maharaj with an arched verandah in front, called the Jagmohan, with an open chowk below it, in which there is a range of outhouses. There is another gate to the north of this chowk opening on what is called the Amli chowk. The passage at right angles opposite the chapri also leads into this Amli chowk. When the tajias approached Dehotsarg the Bavas, Brahmins, and other Hindoos gathered in the corner formed by the door of the chapri and the west gate of the Mandir, at the bottom of Bhuria Bava's lane. Some were previously engaged in recitation of Kathas, others came from Gujanand's Gumpha. Among the former were Bava Babramdas, the Mohunt of the temple, Surweshwardas, its Pujari, Bavas Ganeshdas Sheeramdas, Baldevdas, Narandas, and Ragunathdas, one Brahmanand, Brahmchari, two Sompura Brahmins, Pranjivan Bhagwan, and Valabh Ratanji, two Sonies of Verawal, Trikam and Jeram Bhugwan, and two Patels of Kagli, Mulo, and Kano. As soon as the Mahomedans succeeded in beating back the policemen these people turned and fled. All of them except the two Sonies and Bavas Ganeshdas and Shiaramdas, managed to get into the Mandir, and Dufedar Nagardas, who was already wounded and bleeding, went in with them. Jeram Soni (No. 55) says that he and Trikam, not being able to run away, got into the chapri where there were already Bavas Ganeshdas and Shiaramdas and Brahmanand Brahmchari. The dead body of Trikam Soni was found in the chapri under a burning heap that same night when the officers inspected it after the riot was over. When the chapri was attacked, Ganeshdas ran out and was severely beaten with sticks on the face and other parts of the body. He was under treatment at the hospital till the 24th August, and Hospital Assistant Jagjivandas Purshotumdas says (Exhibit 5), that his condition was dangerous, and he was totally unable to carry on his ordinary pursuits till his discharge from hospital. Bava Shiaramdas also met the same fate in endeavouring to escape from the chapri. He was discovered the same night in a gumpha below the bank at Dehotsargh into which he says he crawled from the river side where he found himself on recovering his senses. He had to be kept under treatment at Patan and Junagadh hospitals till the 24th September. Hospital Assistant Jagjiwandas describes his condition also as having been dangerous when he was in Patan hospital, and he had to be transferred to the Junagadh hospital as he was getting worse. Of those who escaped into the Mandir Balaramdas, Karsandas, Raghunathdas, Pranjiwan Bhugwan (No. 56) and the two Kagli patels, ran up into the south agasi where, however, Bahramdas and Karsandas were killed by Mahomedans who got up there over the roof of the chapri. Their dead bodies were recovered from the riverside the next morning, together with the body of Brahmanand Bramchari, who appears to have been beaten to death in or near the chapri. The post mortem examinations of these bodies the same day, i.e., on the 26th July, showed that they were brutally beaten on the head with sticks and edged instruments like axes or hatchets. The immediate cause of the death was found to be the wounds on the head which were split open. The Kagli patels, Raghunathdas and Pranjiwan Bhagwan fled into the north agasi and thence ran away in different directions, Kano and Mulo making their way to Gajanand's Gumpha, and Pranjiwan Bhagwan hiding, as he says, in the kothar, or grain room of the Mandir. The Pujari, Sarveshwardas, Bavas Baldevdas and Narandas, with wounded Nagardas and Valabh Ratanji, fled into the Jagmohan, shutting the gate of the Mandir behind them, which was immediately attacked and broken by the Mahomedans. Sarveshwardas says that he beat them back by flourishing the sword used for puja or worship in the archway of the Jagmohan. But either the same or another body of Mahomedans broke into the Mandir from the north door near the Amli Chowk; and beat Nagardas and Valabh to death with sticks, stones, and axes, as they were standing somewhere near the arches of the Jagmohan. Luxminarayen temple, in which Sarveshwardas sought refuge, was defended by him, but the Mahomedans pillaged the adjoining Krishna Narayan's Mandir, and set fire to some of the property. The bodies of Nagardas and Valabh were dragged out from the river near the temple that same night by the police. The *post-mortem* examination of Nagardas' body, the next morning, showed that it was covered with wounds from stones, sticks, and sharp edged instruments. Half of the left ear was cut off perpendicularly, and the head was broken open both by blows of sticks and edged instruments. Valabh's body showed a wound on the left side of the head, from which the brain was protruding, which, according to the evidence of the hospital assistant, appeared to be caused by an axe or hatchet, and another contused wound on the right side of the head, caused by a hard substance. Bava Baldevdas, who had also got into the Jugmohan, tried to conceal himself in one of the outhouses, but as the Mahomedans set fire to the grass in it, he got out of a window into the river-bank below, and ran towards Kharijal. Whether the story of his escape is strictly correct or not there is no doubt that the officers in the field saw Baldevdas come running from the bank near Kharijal, pursued by Mahomedans. He was rescued by the police and sent to a dharamsalla on the Triveni. He had been perceived by Mahomedans as he was trying to escape by the river, and beaten with sticks on the head and body. The hospital assistant found several marks of injuries on his person, and he was treated in hospital till the 31st August, during which period he was not only unable to follow his ordinary pursuits, but lay for some time in a dangerous condition. Of the persons who had been attracted to the scene of the riot from Gajanand's Gumphs, Ambashanker Ratanji (No. 57), brother of Valabh Ratanji and Pranshankar Jeyshankar (No. 59), received various injuries in trying to escape. Meru Govind (No 36) received serious injuries. He was struck down with a stick and twice struck on the head with an axe. He also received a blow with an iron-bound stick on the head, and he had two fingers was ecchymosed, besides scratches on the thigh and back, but doubt has been cast upon the details of his story especially as to where he got these injuries, as in his two statements to the police made on the 27th July and 21st August, respectively, he distinctly states that he was beaten near the notice board in the Amlivala Chowk. While in this court he changes the venue, and says he was first struck with a stone near the Gundee tree, and then beaten when standing near the otla of Omkareshwar Mahadeva. At the same time there is an apparent motive for a false diversion, and after all, the Omkareshwar Mahadeva is not very distant from the Amli Chowk. Pranshanker Jeyshanker (No. 59) was struck with stones and sticks as he was trying to escape in the direction of Bhimeshwar. When examined by the hospital assistant, the next day, marks of severe beating were descernible on his body. Among other injuries the upper portion of the right ear was split about an inch by an edged instrument, and there was the mark of a wound on the left eye-brow. He was treated at his own house in Patan by the hospital assistants, as he was not in a state to go to the dispensary up to the 17th September, during which period he was unable to follow the ordinary pursuits of life. Several of the Hindus collected near the chapri, tried to seek refuge in Gajanand's Gumpha, and Maha Prabhuji's bethuk both of which on one side overlook the Amli Chowk. Some of the Mahomedans seem to have made an attack upon two of the rooms in Balaji's temple on the opposite side in the Bhuria Bava's lane to that on which the wada was situated, which were assigned for a guard-house to the police thana, composed of one jamadar and four or five policemen, which had been stationed at Dehotsarg since about the last two years. They broke the doors of the rooms and burnt a portion of the roof. They then carried the attack on the adjoining Maha-Prabhuji's bethuk, but the doors were too strong to be broken, and they set fire to them. A more determined attack was made on Gajanand's Gumpha, where several of the Brahmins and other Hindus, retreating from the chapri and Amli Chowk, had run for shelter. Not being able to break the door, they set fire to it, and partly burst it open by inserting a piece of wood. The smoke drove out the inmates, who fled in different directions. Among them was Jeyshanker Ranchod, also known as Jokla, who, in running away towards Bhimghat, was set upon by a body of Mahomedans and done to death. His body was discovered, the same night, by Mr. Motilal near the Ghat, and the traces of blood on the ground showed that it had been dragged some distance towards the bank. The post-mortem examination, the next morning, disclosed a most brutal onslaught. Hospital Assistant Sitaram Balaji (No. 4) thus describes the injuries on the body:—"On the back of the head, on the left side of it, there were five wounds in a space of about six fingers long and six fingers broad. The bone was broken into fragments and some of the fragments had entered into the brain. These wounds might have been caused by iron bound sticks. On the top of the head there was a wound four fingers long, one finger broad, one finger deep; the bone had been broken and driven into the brain. It appeared to have been caused by an instrument like a hatchet or axe. On the whole of the back and on the arms there were linear marks of beating with sticks. There were similar marks on the chest." It is difficult to make out from the evidence what was the hour when this work of havoc and murder was finished. So far as can be gathered from the loose statements made by the witnesses on this point, the rioters seem to have made their way back to the town in straggling groups soon after sunset. The officers collected in the fields proceeded to Dehotsarg as soon as all was quiet, and in the search they instituted, they recovered four of the dead bodies, and made Panchnamas of the state of things they found.

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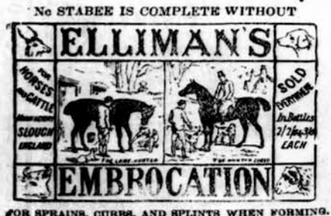

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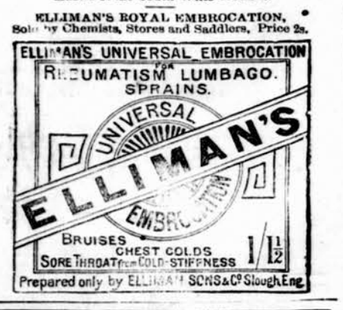

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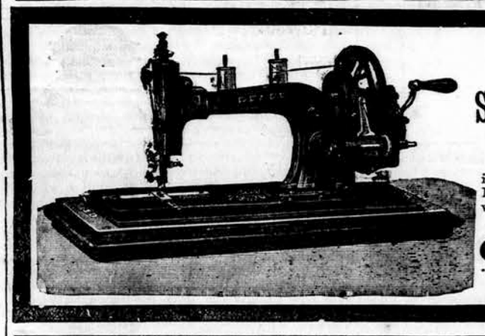

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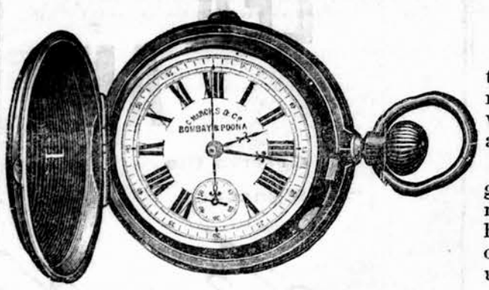

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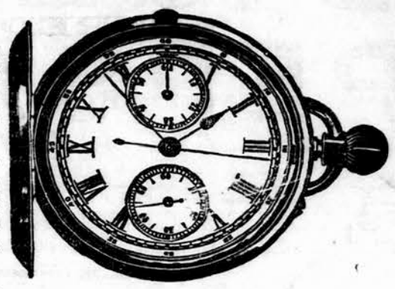

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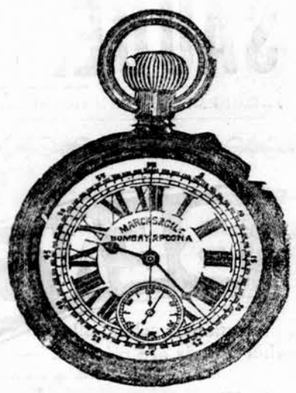

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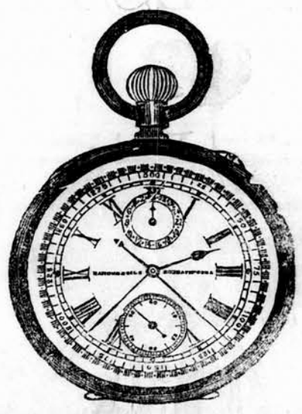

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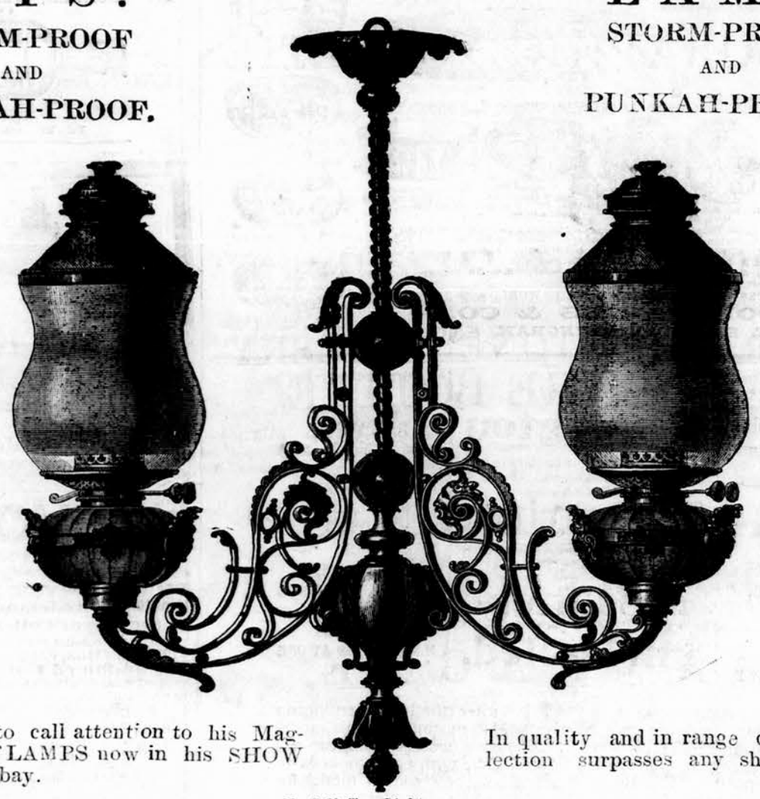

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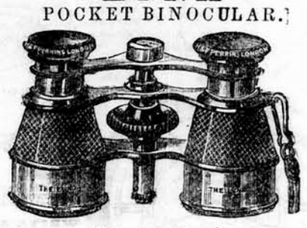

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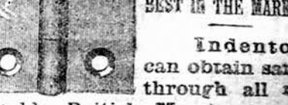

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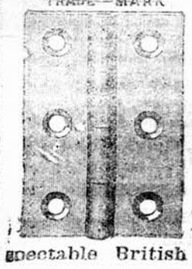

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